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1 [REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION TUESDAY, MAY 18,  
2 2004. There is no reportable action as a result of the Board  
3 of Supervisors' closed session held today.]

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7 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** ASK THAT YOU ALL PLEASE RISE. WE'LL CALL  
8 THE MEETING TO ORDER. THE INVOCATION WILL BE LED BY PASTOR  
9 MALCOLM LAING, FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF ENCINO, FOLLOWED  
10 BY THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, WHICH WILL BE LED BY MR. ROBERT  
11 MCDANIEL, TROOPER, NINTH AND TENTH HORSE CAVALRY ASSOCIATION  
12 FROM THE SECOND DISTRICT.

13

14 **PASTOR J. MALCOLM LAING:** LET US PRAY. GREAT AND GRACIOUS GOD,  
15 WE GREAT THIS MORNING WITH A DEEP SENSE OF THANKFULNESS FOR  
16 THE BLESSINGS OF LIVING IN THIS METROPOLITAN AREA AND THE  
17 COUNTLESS FOLKS WHO WORK EACH DAY TO MAKE IT A BETTER, MORE  
18 BENEVOLENT CITY. WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THESE MEMBERS OF BOARD OF  
19 SUPERVISORS WHO, TOGETHER WITH THEIR AIDES AND OTHER STAFF,  
20 SEEK TO SERVE US WITH WISDOM, COMMITMENT, AND INTEGRITY.  
21 CONTINUE TO GUIDE THEM IN THEIR ROLES, GRANTING THEM EARS  
22 WHICH LISTEN, AN EYE FOR DETAILS, A HEARTFELT VISION WHICH  
23 LEADS US TO GREATER POSSIBILITIES TO THE END THAT OUR COUNTY  
24 WILL BECOME A TRUE COMMUNITY IN WHICH DIVERSE VOICES ARE  
25 EQUALLY HEARD, CREATIVE CHANGES ARE EMBRACED WITH OPENNESS,



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1 NEEDS ARE MET WITH COMPASSION AND ALL OF OUR INHABITANTS FIND  
2 RESPECT AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR GROWTH AND WHOLENESS, ALL OF  
3 WHICH WE ASK IN YOUR HOLY NAME. AMEN.

4

5 **MR. ROBERT MCDANIEL:** IF YOU'LL ALL FACE THE FLAG WITH OUR  
6 HAND OVER OUR HEART AND PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE. [ PLEDGE OF  
7 ALLEGIANCE ]

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9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR BURKE? AND THEN SUPERVISOR  
10 YAROSLAVSKY.

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12 **SUP. BURKE:** WELL, WE'RE VERY PLEASED TO HAVE ROBERT L.  
13 MCDANIEL, WHO WAS A TROOPER IN THE NINTH AND TENTH HORSE  
14 CAVALRY ASSOCIATION, AND HE SERVED IN IN NINTH CAVALRY IN  
15 WORLD WAR II, AND I THINK THAT GIL LINDSAY SERVED IN ONE OF  
16 THE CAVALRIES. YES, HE DID. WE'RE PLEASED TO HAVE HIM HERE.  
17 HE'S A LONGTIME RESIDENT OF THE SECOND DISTRICT AND THANK YOU  
18 VERY MUCH FOR BEING HERE WITH US. [ APPLAUSE ]

19

20 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** ZEV?

21

22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MR. CHAIRMAN, WE ARE VERY PLEASED TO HAVE  
23 WITH US THIS MORNING AND HAVE BEEN LED IN THE INVOCATION THIS  
24 MORNING BY THE REVEREND J. MALCOLM LAING, WHO WAS BORN AND  
25 RAISED IN AMARILLO, TEXAS. RECEIVED A BACHELOR OF SCIENCE FROM





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1 BAILER UNIVERSITY, A MASTER IN BUSINESS ASSOCIATION FROM  
2 UNIVERSITY OF SAINT THOMAS. IS THAT IN MINNEAPOLIS? HOUSTON.  
3 OH, HOUSTON, OKAY. THERE'S ONE IN MINNEAPOLIS, TOO. A MASTER  
4 OF DIVINITY FROM PRINCETON THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY AND A  
5 DOCTORATE FROM PITTSBURGH THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY AS WELL. HE  
6 SERVED AS ASSOCIATE PASTOR AT THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF THE  
7 PALMS IN SARASOTA, FLORIDA, AND IS PASTOR AND HEAD OF STAFF AT  
8 BELLAIRE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN HOUSTON, TEXAS. CURRENTLY, HE  
9 IS PASTOR AND HEAD OF STAFF AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN, THE  
10 COMMUNITY OF NEW POSSIBILITIES IN ENCINO, WHERE HE BEGAN HIS  
11 NINTH YEAR JUST THIS PAST FEBRUARY. HE'S MARRIED TO JENNIFER,  
12 WHO IS A SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHER AT WALTER REED MIDDLE  
13 SCHOOL, ONE OF OUR GREAT SCHOOLS IN SAN FERNANDO VALLEY. THANK  
14 YOU VERY MUCH, PASTOR, FOR LEADING US IN THE INVOCATION AND  
15 FOR YOUR SERVICE TO OUR COMMUNITY. [ APPLAUSE ]

16

17 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. LET'S DO THE AGENDA.

18

19 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS OF THE  
20 BOARD. WE'LL BEGIN ON PAGE 3. ON ITEM CS-4, SUPERVISOR KNABE  
21 REQUESTS A ONE WEEK CONTINUANCE.

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23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHICH ITEM?

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25 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** THAT'S ITEM 1-H.



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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** SO ORDERED. EXCUSE ME, BACK TO S-1.

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4 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** CS-4?

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6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** NO, S-1. THAT'S A CONTINUATION AS WELL,  
7 TOO, TO JUNE 22ND.

8

9 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** YES. THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN. AGENDA FOR  
10 THE MEETING OF THE REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT, ITEM  
11 1-P AND 2-P.

12

13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THE CHAIR WILL MOVE IT. SECONDED BY  
14 SUPERVISOR BURKE. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

15

16 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, ITEMS 1 THROUGH 14.  
17 I HAVE THE FOLLOWING REQUEST. ON ITEM NUMBER 8, AS NOTED ON  
18 THE GREEN SHEET, IT INCLUDES THE REVISION AS NOTED ON THE  
19 GREEN SHEET. ON ITEM NUMBER 11, HOLD FOR SUPERVISORS MOLINA  
20 AND ANTONOVICH. ON ITEM NUMBER 14, I'M REQUESTING THAT THE  
21 CONTRACT CITIES LIABILITY TRUST FUND CLAIM BOARD CONFLICT OF  
22 INTEREST CODE BE REFERRED BACK TO MY OFFICE AND THE REST OF  
23 THAT ITEM IS BEFORE YOU AS WELL AS THE REMAINDER.

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1    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** ON THE REMAINDER, MOVED BY SUPERVISOR  
2    ANTONOVICH, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR MOLINA. WITHOUT OBJECTION,  
3    SO ORDERED.

4

5    **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER, ITEMS 15 THROUGH  
6    21. AS NOTED ON THE GREEN SHEET, ON ITEM NUMBER 17, THE CHIEF  
7    ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER REQUESTS THAT THE ITEM BE REFERRED BACK  
8    TO HIS OFFICE.

9

10   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHICH ITEM IS THAT?

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12   **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** THAT'S ITEM 17.

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14   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** ITEM 17. ON THE REMAINDER, MOVED BY  
15   SUPERVISOR BURKE, THE CHAIR WILL SECOND. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO  
16   ORDERED.

17

18   **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** BEACHES AND HARBORS, ITEMS 22 THROUGH 25.

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20   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, THE CHAIR  
21   WILL SECOND. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

22

23   **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES. ON ITEM 26, HOLD  
24   FOR A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION.  
25   ON ITEM 27, THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REQUESTS A ONE-WEEK





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1 CONTINUANCE. COMMUNITY AND SENIOR SERVICES, ITEMS 28 THROUGH  
2 30.

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4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** ITEM 27 IS CONTINUED FOR ONE WEEK. I WOULD  
5 JUST LIKE TO HAVE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR LET ME MAKE SURE, LET  
6 ME KNOW IF THERE'S ANY TIME PROBLEM WITH THAT. COMMUNITY AND  
7 SENIOR SERVICES.

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9 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** COMMUNITY AND SENIOR SERVICES, ITEMS 28  
10 THROUGH 30.

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12 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR BURKE, SECONDED BY  
13 SUPERVISOR MOLINA. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

14

15 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** DISTRICT ATTORNEY, ITEM 31.

16

17 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, THE CHAIR  
18 WILL SECOND. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

19

20 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** FIRE DEPARTMENT, ITEM 32.

21

22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, SECONDED  
23 BY SUPERVISOR BURKE. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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1 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** HEALTH SERVICES, ITEMS 33 THROUGH 39, I  
2 HAVE THE FOLLOWING REQUEST. ON ITEM NUMBER 33, HOLD FOR MAYOR  
3 JOHN DURAN. ON ITEM NUMBER 34, I'M GOING TO READ THIS INTO THE  
4 RECORD AND THEN WE'LL HOLD IT FOR SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH.  
5 "REFER THE RECOMMENDATION NUMBER-- REFER RECOMMENDATIONS  
6 NUMBER ONE AND TWO CONCERNING FUNDING FOR TRAUMA SERVICE IN  
7 EAST SAN GABRIEL VALLEY, ANTELOPE VALLEY, AND MALIBU TO THE  
8 CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF AN  
9 ALTERNATIVE FUNDING PLAN WITH THE APPROPRIATE COUNTY AND CITY  
10 DEPARTMENTS.

11

12 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** WHO IS THAT AMENDMENT BY?

13

14 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER.

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16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** WE GET A COPY OF THAT.

17

18 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** OKAY. I'LL HAVE SOME COPIES MADE. ON ITEM  
19 NUMBER 35, HOLD FOR A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC. ON ITEM NUMBER 36,  
20 THE DIRECTOR REQUESTS A ONE-WEEK CONTINUANCE.

21

22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** SO ORDERED.

23

24 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** AND THE REST ARE BEFORE YOU.

25



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1   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** ON THE REMAINDER, MOVED BY SUPERVISOR  
2   MOLINA, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. WITHOUT OBJECTION,  
3   SO ORDERED.

4

5   **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** MENTAL HEALTH, ITEM 40.

6

7   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, SECONDED BY  
8   SUPERVISOR BURKE. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

9

10   **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** PARKS AND RECREATION, ITEM 41.

11

12   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR BURKE, SECONDED BY THE  
13   CHAIR. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

14

15   **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** PROBATION, ITEMS 42 THROUGH 45. ON ITEM  
16   42, AS NOTED ON THE GREEN SHEET, THE CHIEF PROBATION OFFICER  
17   REQUESTS THAT THE ITEM BE CONTINUED TWO WEEKS.

18

19   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** SO ORDERED.

20

21   **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** ON ITEM NUMBER 45, SUPERVISOR BURKE  
22   REQUESTS A TWO-WEEK CONTINUANCE.

23

24   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** SO ORDERED.

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1 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** AND THE REST ARE BEFORE YOU.

2

3 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** ON THE REMAINDER, MOVED BY SUPERVISOR  
4 MOLINA, THE CHAIR WILL SECOND. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

5

6 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** PUBLIC WORKS, ITEMS 46 THROUGH 63, AND I  
7 HAVE FOLLOWING REQUEST. ON ITEM 56, THE DIRECTOR REQUESTS A  
8 TWO-WEEK CONTINUANCE AND SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY REQUESTS ALSO  
9 THAT THE ITEM BE REFERRED TO THE C.A.O. FOR A COMPREHENSIVE  
10 REPORT ON COUNTYWIDE IMPACTS ON THE POLICY CHANGE. ON ITEM 59,  
11 ONLY THE PORTION RELATING TO THE 112TH STREET VICINITY OF  
12 ATHENS AT AN ESTIMATED COST BETWEEN \$345,000 AND \$405,000,  
13 THAT PORTION SHOULD BE REFERRED BACK TO THE DEPARTMENT. THE  
14 REST OF THAT ITEM AND THE REMAINING ITEMS ARE BEFORE YOU.

15

16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. THEN, WITH ITEM 56, IT WILL BE  
17 CONTINUED FOR TWO WEEKS BUT DO WE NEED TO TAKE AN ACTION TO  
18 AMEND IT FOR THE-- TO INSTRUCT THE C.A.O. TO REPORT BACK ON A  
19 COUNTY-WIDE IMPACT TO THE POLICY CHANGE? THAT IS AN ACTION...

20

21 **RAY FORTNER, COUNSEL:** MR. CHAIRMAN, FOR THE RECORD, THAT WOULD  
22 PROBABLY BE APPROPRIATE AND THEN THE C.A.O. WILL HAVE THAT  
23 INSTRUCTION.

24

25 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO MOVED.



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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. IT'S MOVED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY,  
3 CHAIR WOULD SECOND ON THE AMENDED PORTION TO REFER IT TO THE  
4 C.A.O. FOR COUNTYWIDE IMPACT, AND THEN THE ITEM WILL BE  
5 CONTINUED TWO WEEKS BACK TO THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS.

6

7 **SUP. BURKE:** (INAUDIBLE).

8

9 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** YES. WE HAVE A REQUEST FROM THE DIRECTOR  
10 TO REFER IT BACK.

11

12 **SUP. BURKE:** (INAUDIBLE).

13

14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY.

15

16 **SUP. BURKE:** ...IF I CAN GET A STAFF PERSON.

17

18 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. ON THE REMAINDER, MOVED BY SUPERVISOR  
19 ANTONOVICH, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. WITHOUT  
20 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

21

22 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** SHERIFF, ITEMS 64 THROUGH 67. AS NOTED ON  
23 THE GREEN SHEET, ON ITEM 66, THE SHERIFF REQUESTS THAT THE  
24 ITEM BE REFERRED BACK TO HIS OFFICE. THE REST ARE BEFORE YOU.

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1   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY,  
2   SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO  
3   ORDERED.

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5   **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** SUPERIOR COURT, ITEM 68. MR. CHAIRMAN,  
6   I'M SORRY, I NEED TO BACK UP JUST A LITTLE BIT. ON ITEMS,  
7   UNDER THE SHERIFF, 64, 65, 66, AND 67, WE HAVE A REQUEST FROM  
8   THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THOSE ITEMS.

9

10   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** WHICH ITEMS?

11

12   **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** THAT'S 64, 65, 66, AND 67.

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14   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** I GET IT. WE'LL RECONSIDER. MOTION TO  
15   RECONSIDER. CHAIR WILL SECOND. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.  
16   WE WILL HOLD THOSE ITEMS.

17

18   **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN.

19

20   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** IS THAT PURE ENOUGH, COUNTY COUNSEL? IS  
21   THAT... OKAY. 64 THROUGH 67 SOMEONE HAD HELD

22

23   **SUP. BURKE:** OKAY.

24

25   **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** SUPERIOR COURT, ITEM 68.



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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, SECONDED BY  
3 SUPERVISOR BURKE. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

4

5 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** TREASURER AND TAX COLLECTOR, ITEM 69.

6

7 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR MOLINA, SECONDED BY  
8 SUPERVISOR BURKE. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

9

10 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATION, ITEMS 70  
11 THROUGH 76. ON ITEM NUMBER 70, HOLD FOR SUPERVISOR MOLINA.  
12 AND, ON ITEM 63, FOR THE RECORD, SUPERVISOR BURKE RECUSES  
13 HERSELF. I'M SORRY.

14

15 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** 63?

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17 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** 73.

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19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OH, OKAY. I JUST THOUGHT WE WERE GOING  
20 BACKWARDS THERE FOR AWHILE, THOUGHT WE WERE GOING TO DO THE  
21 AGENDA IN REVERSE.

22

23 **SUP. BURKE:** 73.

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1   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. 73. OKAY. ALL RIGHT. SO ON-- AS  
2   NOTED, 70 HELD. 73, SUPERVISOR BURKE RECUSES HERSELF. ON THE  
3   REMAINDER, MOVED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, SECONDED BY  
4   SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

5

6   **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** ORDINANCES FOR ADOPTION, 77 AND 78.

7

8   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR MOLINA, SECONDED BY  
9   SUPERVISOR BURKE. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

10

11   **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** SEPARATE MATTERS, ITEMS 79 THROUGH 84. ON  
12   ITEM 79, SUPERVISOR KNABE REQUESTS A FOUR-WEEK CONTINUANCE TO  
13   JUNE 15, 2004, AND WE HAVE A REQUEST FROM THE PUBLIC TO HOLD  
14   THAT ITEM.

15

16   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** IF THERE'S NO OBJECTIONS-- WHO IS HERE TO  
17   TESTIFY ON BEHALF OF... WE'RE GOING TO CONTINUE THE ITEM.

18

19   **SUP. BURKE:** OKAY. ON-- YOU KNOW, DID YOU WANT TO CONTINUE THE  
20   WHOLE THING OR JUST THAT PORTION RELATED TO THE INITIATIVE?

21

22   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** I WAS JUST GOING TO CONTINUE THE WHOLE  
23   THING.

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25   **SUP. BURKE:** OKAY.



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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** DO THEY WANT TO COME BACK IN FOUR WEEKS? I  
3 CAN'T SEE ANYONE. IS MANDY JOHNSON OR ANGEL OVERGRON OR IRENE  
4 OGENE... ARE YOU WILLING TO COME BACK IN FOUR WEEKS OR DO YOU  
5 WANT TO-- WE'RE GOING TO CONTINUE THE ITEM FOUR WEEKS. OR DO  
6 YOU WANT TO TESTIFY TODAY?

7

8 **SPEAKER:** BACK IN FOUR WEEKS.

9

10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. GREAT. THANK YOU.

11

12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MR. CHAIRMAN, ARE THERE ANY ITEMS ON 79 THAT  
13 REQUIRE ACTION BEFORE FOUR WEEKS? LIKE ON ANY OF THE  
14 LEGISLATION OR THE-- ARE THEY ALL...

15

16 **SUP. BURKE:** THE ADDITIONAL NURSING PROGRAMS, I WONDERED, SOME  
17 OF THOSE THINGS ARE KIND OF INANE.

18

19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** WELL, WE CAN SEPARATE IT, IF YOU WANT TO  
20 MOVE ON THE LEGISLATION PART OF IT AND JUST CONTINUE THE  
21 INITIATIVE PART FOUR WEEKS. DO YOU WANT TO DO THAT?

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23 **SUP. BURKE:** WE DO SUPPORT THE APPROPRIATION PORTION, DON'T WE?

24

25 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** RIGHT.



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2 **SUP. BURKE:** I WOULD MOVE THAT THE FIRST PARAGRAPH BE CONTINUED  
3 FOR A MONTH AND THE REMAINDER OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS BE  
4 APPROVED.

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6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY.

7

8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SECONDED.

9

10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** IT'S BEEN MOVED AND SECONDED. ANY FURTHER  
11 DISCUSSION? ANY OBJECTIONS? THAT PORTION, OTHER THAN THE  
12 INITIATIVE, HAS BEEN MOVED AND SECONDED. WITHOUT FURTHER  
13 DISCUSSION, SO ORDERED.

14

15 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** OKAY. ITEM NUMBER 80, TREASURER AND TAX  
16 COLLECTOR'S RECOMMENDATION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION APPROVING THE  
17 FINANCING BY THE CALIFORNIA STATEWIDE COMMUNITY'S DEVELOPMENT  
18 AUTHORITY TO FACILITATE A TAX EXEMPT FINANCING NOT TO EXCEED  
19 \$120 MILLION. THAT ITEM IS BEFORE YOU.

20

21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** CHAIR WILL MOVE IT. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR  
22 YAROSLAVSKY. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

23

24 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** 81, TREASURER AND TAX COLLECTOR'S  
25 RECOMMENDATION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE





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1 AND SALE OF BALDWIN PARK UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, GENERAL  
2 OBLIGATION BONDS, ELECTION 2002, SERIES 2004, IN AGGREGATE  
3 PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$11 MILLION.

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5 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR MOLINA, SECONDED BY  
6 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

7

8 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** TREASURER AND TAX COLLECTOR'S  
9 RECOMMENDATION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE  
10 AND SALE OF COMPTON UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT GENERAL OBLIGATION  
11 BONDS, 2002 ELECTION, 2004 SERIES B, IN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL  
12 AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$20 MILLION.

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14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR BURKE, SECONDED BY  
15 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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17 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** TREASURER AND TAX COLLECTOR'S  
18 RECOMMENDATION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE  
19 AND SALE OF LA CANADA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT GENERAL  
20 OBLIGATION BONDS, ELECTION 2004, SERIES A, IN AGGREGATE  
21 PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$15 MILLION.

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23 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, SECONDED BY  
24 SUPERVISOR MOLINA. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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1 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** 84, TREASURER AND TAX COLLECTOR'S  
2 RECOMMENDATION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SALE AND  
3 ISSUANCE OF LOS ANGELES SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
4 DISTRICT'S 2004/2005 TAX AND REVENUE ANTICIPATION NOTES AND  
5 PROVIDING FOR THE SALE OF PARTICIPATION CERTIFICATES IN  
6 AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$75 MILLION.

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8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR BURKE, SECONDED BY  
9 SUPERVISOR MOLINA. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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11 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** MISCELLANEOUS, ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA  
12 REQUESTED BY BOARD MEMBERS AND THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE  
13 OFFICER, WHICH WERE POSTED MORE THAN 72 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF  
14 THE MEETING, AS INDICATED ON THE GREEN SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA.  
15 ITEM 85-A.

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17 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** CHAIR WILL MOVE IT, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR  
18 MOLINA. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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20 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** ON ITEM 85-B, HOLD FOR SUPERVISOR KNABE.  
21 85-C.

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23 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR BURKE, SECONDED BY  
24 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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1    **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** 85-D.

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3    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR BURKE, THE CHAIR WILL  
4    SECOND. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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6    **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** AND THAT COMPLETES THE READING OF THE  
7    AGENDA. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' SPECIAL ITEMS BEGINS WITH  
8    SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT NUMBER FOUR.

9

10    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** MEMBERS, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, IT'S MY  
11    PLEASURE TO WELCOME THIS MORNING OUR 2004 MAY EMPLOYEE OF THE  
12    MONTH, FRANCES GOVENS, AND INVITE FRANCES TO COME ON UP,  
13    FAMILY AND FRIENDS, AND... [ APPLAUSE ]

14

15    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** FRANCES HAS BEEN WITH THE COUNTY FOR SOME  
16    FOUR YEARS NOW AND IS CURRENTLY A VETERANS CLAIM ASSISTANT  
17    WHERE SHE WORKS DILIGENTLY TO ASSIST VETERANS IN OBTAINING  
18    THEIR BENEFITS. SHE'S A HIGHLY REGARDED EMPLOYEE THROUGHOUT  
19    THE VETERANS COMMUNITY, KNOWN AS THE PERSON TO SEE WHEN YOU  
20    NEED HELP. FROM THE MUNDANE TO THE MORE COMPLEX AND DETAILED-  
21    ORIENTED TASK, SHE ASSURES THAT APPROPRIATE TIME IS GIVEN TO  
22    EACH CASE AND THAT VETERANS ARE PROVIDED ACCURATE INFORMATION.  
23    HAVING BEEN RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION  
24    OF SEVERAL PROCEDURES, SHE WAS ABLE TO EFFECTIVELY MANAGE THE  
25    HEAVY VOLUME OF VETERANS VISITING THE OFFICE FOR BENEFITS



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1 ASSISTANCE. THROUGH HER RESOURCEFULNESS, KNOWLEDGE, AND  
2 DEDICATION, DEPARTMENT PRODUCTIVITY INCREASED OVER 12%  
3 MONTHLY. MRS. GOVENS IS ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN CHARITABLE  
4 FUNDRAISERS AND HAS SERVED AS THE DEPARTMENT'S PRIMARILY  
5 COORDINATOR FOR VARIOUS EVENTS SUCH AS THE MARCH OF DIMES,  
6 A.I.D.S., AND CANCER RUN/WALKS. IN RECOGNITION OF THESE  
7 ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND HER DEDICATION AND HARD WORK, IT'S OUR  
8 HONOR TO CONGRATULATE FRANCES AS THE MAY 2004 EMPLOYEE OF THE  
9 MONTH. [ APPLAUSE ]

10

11 **FRANCES GOVENS:** I WOULD LIKE TO SAY GOOD MORNING TO ALL. I  
12 HOPE ALL IS ACCOMPLISHED TODAY. AND ALSO DON'T FORGET THAT  
13 THIS MONTH IS SUPPORT OUR TROOPS MONTH. THANK YOU. GOD BLESS.

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** CONGRATULATIONS.

16

17 **FRANCES GOVENS:** THANK YOU.

18

19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** CONGRATULATIONS, FRANCES, FOR A JOB WELL  
20 DONE AND IN HELPING THOSE VETERANS, AS WELL, TOO. NEXT, IT'S  
21 MY PLEASURE TO ASK MARK WHITE, HIS WIFE, JANE, AND JIM NOYES  
22 FROM OUR PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, DIEGO CADINA AND JOSE CAVADO  
23 OF PUBLIC WORKS TO PLEASE COME UP AND JOIN ME HERE. AS YOU  
24 KNOW AND REMEMBER LAST WEEK, THIS BOARD DECLARED THE WEEK OF  
25 MAY 16TH THROUGH THE 22ND... TELL YOU WHAT, HOW ABOUT-- AS



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1 NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. IT ALSO  
2 GIVES US AN OPPORTUNITY TO RECOGNIZE THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF AN  
3 OUTSTANDING EMPLOYEE FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS. MARK  
4 WHITE, A SENIOR CIVIL ENGINEER IN THE FLOOD MAINTENANCE  
5 DIVISION AND A 15-YEAR COUNTY EMPLOYEE, HAS BEEN NAMED THE  
6 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS' 2004 EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR. MARK  
7 EXEMPLIFIES THE DEDICATION OF PUBLIC WORKS EMPLOYEES TO  
8 PROVIDE QUALITY SERVICE TO THE RESIDENTS OF OUR GREAT COUNTY.  
9 HE CONSISTENTLY STRIVES TO ENHANCE THE DEPARTMENT'S  
10 PRODUCTIVITY AND THE SERVICE. HIS EXPERTISE AND PROACTIVE  
11 EFFORTS IN PROVIDING FLOOD PROTECTION TO COUNTY RESIDENTS HAVE  
12 BEEN OF CONSIDERABLE BENEFIT TO THE DEPARTMENT. MARK SERVES AS  
13 ASSISTANT AREA ENGINEER FOR THE EAST MAINTENANCE AREA OF  
14 PUBLIC WORKS AND THIS WAS A GREAT YEAR, A YEAR OF GREAT DEMAND  
15 WHICH WAS PLACED ON HIM DUE TO, IN PART, THE CURVE AND  
16 WILLIAMS FIRES THAT SEVERELY IMPACTED SEVERAL IMPORTANT COUNTY  
17 FACILITIES. DUE TO THE FIRES, THE SEDIMENT FLOW FROM COUNTY  
18 DEBRIS BASINS AND RESERVOIRS WAS THE HIGHEST IT HAD BEEN SINCE  
19 1969. MARK'S INVOLVEMENT IN PRE-STORM PREPARATIONS AND  
20 MATERIAL REMOVAL OPERATIONS ENSURED FLOOD CONTROL AND SAFETY  
21 FOR THE RESIDENTS LOCATED IN THOSE VERY IMPACTED AREAS. HE HAS  
22 MAINTAINED AN EXEMPLARY COMMITMENT IN PERFORMING HIS DUTIES  
23 AND IS AN OUTSTANDING EXAMPLE OF A DEDICATED EMPLOYEE WHO HAS  
24 EXTREMELY HIGH PROFESSIONAL MORALS AND WORK ETHICS. SO, ON  
25 BEHALF OF MYSELF AND MY COLLEAGUES, I'M PLEASED TO PRESENT





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1 MARK WITH THIS CERTIFICATE IN RECOGNITION AS THE COUNTY OF LOS  
2 ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS 2004 EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR.  
3 [ APPLAUSE ]

4  
5 **JIM NOYES:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I JUST WANT TO TAKE THIS  
6 OPPORTUNITY TO THANK THE BOARD FOR HONORING MARK TODAY AND, ON  
7 BEHALF OF NOT ONLY MYSELF BUT ALL THE 3,600 EMPLOYEES OF THE  
8 PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, TO ALSO CONGRATULATE HIM NOT ONLY FOR  
9 THIS YEAR, WHERE HE WAS THE EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR, BUT FOR  
10 THOSE 15 YEARS OF HARD, DEDICATED WORK THAT HE'S PUT IN. YOU  
11 DESERVE IT, MARK. CONGRATULATIONS. [ APPLAUSE ]

12  
13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** WELL, WE KNOW THAT MARK'S NOT A SPEECH  
14 WRITER IN THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT THEN, DON'T WE? NEXT,  
15 I'M GOING TO ASK DIANE FORTUNE AND ROSIE VELASCO, REPRESENTING  
16 THE THE CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF HEALTH FACILITIES COUNCIL,  
17 AS WELL AS MATILDA ROGERS, WHO'S THE PRESIDENT OF THE LOS  
18 ANGELES CHAPTER OF THE CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF HEALTH  
19 FACILITIES COUNCIL AND OUR GOOD FRIEND, RETURNING FRIEND,  
20 HARVEY. AND FOR MANY OF YOU REMEMBERING HARVEY HERE, HARVEY IS  
21 A GREAT FRIEND IN LONG-TERM CARE IN OUR NURSING HOMES AND, IF  
22 YOU REMEMBER, IT WASN'T TOO LONG AGO THAT SUPERVISOR-- FOUR  
23 YEARS AGO? SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH WAS HOLDING UP HARVEY AS A  
24 PUP AND THESE FOLKS TOOK HARVEY AND HE IS JUST BIG ENOUGH TO  
25 GET UP TO THE WHEELCHAIRS SO THE PATIENTS DON'T HAVE TO LEAN



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1 OVER AND HAS JUST BEEN A GREAT FRIEND. SO THIS MONTH OF MAY IS  
2 OUR LONG-TERM CARE RECOGNITION MONTH. EACH YEAR, THE MONTH OF  
3 MAY IS PROCLAIMED AS LONG-TERM RECOGNITION MONTH TO HIGHLIGHT  
4 THE MANY CONTRIBUTIONS AND SUPPORT THAT OUR LONG-TERM CARE  
5 FACILITIES PROVIDE FOR THE ELDERLY AND DISABLED. AND, NO DOUBT  
6 ABOUT IT, AMERICA'S AGING AND, AS AMERICANS GET OLDER, IN MANY  
7 CASES, THEY WILL REQUIRE NURSING HOME FACILITIES, AND SUCH AN  
8 IMPORTANT PART IN THE PROVISION OF OUR HEALTHCARE. THE  
9 CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF HEALTH FACILITIES IS COMMITTED TO  
10 PROVIDING QUALITY NURSING HOME CARE AND, TODAY, ONCE AGAIN, WE  
11 HAVE DIANE AND ROSIE, WHO ARE AGAIN WITH US TO ACCEPT THIS  
12 PROCLAMATION PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF MAY AS LONG-TERM CARE  
13 RECOGNITION MONTH. CONGRATULATIONS. [ APPLAUSE ]

14  
15 **SUP. BURKE:** SUCH A GORGEOUS DOG.

16  
17 **SPEAKER:** ON BEHALF OF MR. CHAIR AND THE BOARD, WE-- ON BEHALF  
18 OF THE CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF HEALTH FACILITIES, WE AGAIN  
19 WANT TO THANK YOU SO MUCH AND RECOGNIZE LOS ANGELES COUNTY IS  
20 DISTINGUISHED AND HAS RECOGNIZED LONG-TERM HEALTHCARE FOR  
21 YEARS BEFORE WE ALL STARTED AGING. I THINK I WAS A KID WHEN I  
22 STARTED HERE. AND I WANT TO THANK YOU AGAIN FOR-- ON BEHALF OF  
23 REGION 4, WHICH IS LOS ANGELES COUNTY, A SECTION OF THE  
24 DEPARTMENT OF THE CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF HEALTH FACILITIES.  
25 AGAIN, THANK YOU. AND THANK YOU FOR HARVEY FOUR YEARS AGO.



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**SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** WELL, OBVIOUSLY, YOU HAVE HARVEY AND YOU  
HAVE FACILITIES, BUT A VERY IMPORTANT PART OF THAT, OBVIOUSLY,  
IS THE NURSING CARE, AND SO, AGAIN, TO TIE IN EVERYTHING  
TOGETHER, WE WANT TO HIGHLIGHT THE MANY CONTRIBUTIONS OF OUR  
DEDICATED NURSES WHO SUPPORT THE CARE OF THE ELDERLY AND  
DISABLED INDIVIDUALS BY PROVIDING THAT ESSENTIAL HEALTHCARE.  
IT TAKES A UNIQUE BREED OF INDIVIDUAL TO PROVIDE COMPASSIONATE  
CARE FOR OUR ELDERLY AND DISABLED WHO, IN MANY CASES WHO NEED  
NURSING HOME FACILITIES, RECEIVE-- THE ONLY HUMAN CONTACT THEY  
RECEIVE IS PRIMARILY FROM OUR LONG-TERM CARE NURSES. SO, WITH  
US TODAY, ONCE AGAIN, IS ONE OF THOSE VERY SPECIAL  
INDIVIDUALS, MATILDA ROGERS, AND-- WHO IS REPRESENTING THE  
CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF HEALTH FACILITIES LONG-TERM CARE  
COUNCIL. SO TELL HER WELCOME BACK AND THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU DO  
ON BEHALF OF THE PATIENTS. [ APPLAUSE ]

17

**MATILDA ROGERS:** ON BEHALF OF MYSELF AND ALL NURSES, I THANK  
YOU FOR RECOGNIZING THE GOOD WORK WE DO AND WE ASSURE YOU THAT  
WE WILL ALWAYS DO OUR UTMOST BEST TO STAND UP FOR OUR RIGHTS.  
THANK YOU. [ APPLAUSE ]

22

**SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** MICHAEL?

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1    **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** FIRST, WE WOULD LIKE TO RECOGNIZE TWO OF THE  
2    WINNERS OF THE BRAVO AWARD THIS YEAR. SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY  
3    AND I WANT TO CONGRATULATE THOSE 2004 WINNERS. THEY WERE  
4    SELECTED BY THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY MUSIC CENTER EDUCATION  
5    DIVISION. KATHY KOTTARAS FROM JOHN BURROUGHS HIGH SCHOOL IN  
6    BURBANK WAS SELECTED AS THE 2004 BRAVO AWARD GENERALIST  
7    TEACHER FOR HER EXCELLENCE IN THE FIELD OF ARTS EDUCATION.  
8    SHE'S AN EDUCATOR WHO INCORPORATES ACTIVITIES INTO HER  
9    STUDENTS' EXPERIENCES THAT ILLUSTRATE HOW THE ARTS CAN BE PART  
10   OF THEIR CAREERS AND THEIR LIVES WHEN THEY LEAVE HIGH SCHOOL.  
11   THOSE PROGRAMS, THE EXTRAORDINARY ALTRUISM, IMAGINATION AND  
12   TALENT REFLECTED IN KATHY'S WORK HAVE PROVIDED HUNDREDS OF  
13   STUDENTS WITH THE CREATIVE LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES AND  
14   MOTIVATION AND ENCOURAGEMENT. SO, KATHY, WE WERE AT THE DINNER  
15   AND IT WAS A GREAT AFFAIR, AND CONGRATULATIONS. [ APPLAUSE ]

16

17   **KATHY KOTTARAS:** I WOULD LIKE TO THANK YOU FOR TAKING THE TIME  
18   TO HONOR THE WORK THAT WE DO AT JOHN BURROUGHS AND I ALSO  
19   BROUGHT A COPY OF MONTRO, OUR LITERARY ART AND MUSIC MAGAZINE.  
20   THIS IS FOR YOU TO ENJOY. THANK YOU FOR TAKING THE TIME TODAY.  
21   I REALLY APPRECIATE IT. [ APPLAUSE ]

22

23   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MR. CHAIRMAN, WE'VE BEEN JOINED BY SANDY  
24   BARRETT, WHO IS THE PRINCIPAL OF KESTER AVENUE MAGNET  
25   ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND NANCY VALENS IS ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL.



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1 KESTER, WHICH IS LOCATED IN VAN NUYS, WAS SELECT BY THE MUSIC  
2 CENTER EDUCATION DIVISION AS THE 2004 BRAVO AWARDS CO-SCHOOL  
3 WINNER FOR EXCELLENCE IN THE FIELD OF ARTS EDUCATION. IT HAS  
4 DEVELOPED A CREATIVE ARTS ENVIRONMENT ATMOSPHERE OF LEARNING  
5 FOR THE TOTAL STUDENT POPULATION, WHICH HAS CONTRIBUTED  
6 SUBSTANTIALLY TO CULTURAL LITERACY AMONG THE STUDENTS. THE  
7 ARTS, AS WE ALL KNOW, HAVE BEEN DETERMINED TO BE A LEGITIMATE  
8 AND INTEGRAL PART OF A STUDENT'S EDUCATION, CONTRIBUTING BOTH  
9 TO ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS AS WELL AS PERSONAL ENRICHMENT. AND  
10 WE ARE VERY HONORED THAT ONE OF OUR OWN SCHOOLS IN THE SAN  
11 FERNANDO VALLEY HAS RECEIVED THE 2004 BRAVO AWARDS. SO, IF  
12 YOU'LL JOIN ME, SANDY AND NANCY, I'LL PRESENT THIS  
13 PROCLAMATION TO YOU AND CONGRATULATIONS TO BOTH OF YOU.

14

15 **SANDY BARRETT:** ON BEHALF OF THE KESTER STAFF, PARENTS AND  
16 STUDENTS, I WANT TO ACCEPT THIS BEAUTIFUL AWARD. I WANT TO  
17 THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUING DEDICATION TO THE ARTS EDUCATION  
18 AND EDUCATION IN GENERAL. IT'S VERY APPRECIATED. THANK YOU. [  
19 APPLAUSE ]

20

21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THIS MORNING, WE'RE GOING TO WELCOME OUR  
22 AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER AND DIRECTOR OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES  
23 FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, CATO FIKSDAL, RICHARD ZUKA,  
24 DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION AND DAVID RIZO,  
25 PRESIDENT OF L.A. COUNTY FARM BUREAU AND KATHLEEN BURR, WHO IS





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1 THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FARM BUREAU  
2 AS THE COUNTY TODAY IS GOING TO RECOGNIZE THIS MONTH AS  
3 AGRICULTURAL DAY, LOS ANGELES. THE COUNTY'S COMMISSION ON  
4 AGRICULTURE, THE L.A. COUNTY FARM BUREAU, THE CALIFORNIA WOMEN  
5 FOR AGRICULTURE AND THE 48TH DISTRICT AGRICULTURAL ASSOCIATION  
6 HAVE FORMED A FOUNDATION TO HOST A TWO-DAY EVENT WHICH WILL  
7 INTRODUCE THE AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES TO OUR STUDENTS. DURING  
8 THIS TWO-DAY EVENT TO BE HELD MAY 19TH AND MAY 20TH, VARIOUS  
9 ASPECTS OF PRODUCTION, AGRICULTURE AND SUPPORT SERVICES WILL  
10 BE PRESENTED MORE THAN 2,000 FOURTH GRADE STUDENTS FROM OUR  
11 COUNTY USING THE FARM AREA AND ANIMAL PENS OF THE COUNTY'S  
12 FAIRPLEX IN POMONA FOR THE BACKDROP. THE THEME, AGRICULTURE  
13 BELONGS IN OUR KIDS, EDUCATIONAL DIET, NOT BIG MACS, BUT  
14 AGRICULTURE, HAS A SPECIAL SIGNIFICANCE AS THE COUNTY MAKES AN  
15 INCREASED EFFORT TOWARD SERVICE EXCELLENCE IN THEIR STRATEGIC  
16 PLAN. SO THE BOARD RECOGNIZES AND URGES ALL CITIZENS TO  
17 RECOGNIZE THE VERY VALUABLE CONTRIBUTIONS BEING MADE TO  
18 EDUCATE OUR CHILDREN ABOUT A HEALTHY DIET. AND, AT THIS TIME,  
19 LET ME PRESENT THIS TO ALL OF YOU.

20

21 **SPEAKER:** I'D LIKE TO THANK SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH AND THE REST  
22 OF THE SUPERVISORS FOR SETTING ASIDE THESE TWO SPECIFIC DAYS  
23 FOR AGRICULTURE. THIS IS A STELLAR ACHIEVEMENT IN THE  
24 EDUCATION PROCESS WITH A PERMANENT LEARNING FORUM TO EDUCATE



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1 OUR YOUTH ON WHERE THEIR FOOD AND FIBER COMES FROM. THANK YOU.

2 [ APPLAUSE ]

3

4 **CATO FIKSDAL:** I ALSO WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH AND  
5 THE BOARD FOR RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF AGRICULTURE IN LOS  
6 ANGELES COUNTY. UP INTO THE '50S, LOS ANGELES COUNTY WAS THE  
7 NUMBER ONE AGRICULTURAL COUNTY IN THE NATION AND, STILL, WE  
8 PRODUCE OVER \$300 MILLION WORTH OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCT IN THE  
9 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. AND ALSO THANK THE L.A. COUNTY FARM  
10 BUREAU ARE PARTNERING WITH US IN THIS EFFORT AND WE HOPE TO  
11 MAKE THIS AN ANNUAL EVENT. THANK YOU. [ APPLAUSE ]

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ANOTHER OUTSTANDING EDUCATOR WE WOULD LIKE TO  
14 RECOGNIZE THIS MORNING IS JUDITH FLINT BAUMWIRT, WHO IS A  
15 SCIENCE TEACHER FROM GRANADA HILLS CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL IN THE  
16 SAN FERNANDO VALLEY, WHO IS ONE OF FIVE EDUCATORS IN  
17 CALIFORNIA TO BE AWARDED THE AMBIEN AWARD FOR SCIENCE  
18 EXCELLENCE FOR HER WORK WITH HER STUDENTS. THE 13-YEAR-OLD  
19 THOUSAND OAKS BASED COMPANY RECOGNIZES TEACHERS WHO  
20 DEMONSTRATE KNOWLEDGE, CREATIVITY, AND EFFECTIVENESS IN THE  
21 CLASSROOM IN STATES WHERE AMGEN HAS FACILITIES. THOSE STATES  
22 ARE COLORADO, KENTUCKY, RHODE ISLAND, WASHINGTON, AND  
23 CALIFORNIA. JUDITH EMPLOYS HUMOR, GENERATES EXCITEMENT ABOUT  
24 SCIENCE AND USES HANDS-ON LESSONS TO GET THE MIDDLE OF THE  
25 ROAD STUDENTS TO UNDERSTAND THE IMPORTANCE OF CHEMISTRY. SHE



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1 RECEIVED BOTH HER BACHELOR'S DEGREE AND MASTER'S ARTS DEGREE  
2 IN EDUCATIONAL ADMINISTRATION FROM CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY  
3 AT NORTHRIDGE AND SHE IS PROJECT DIRECTOR FOR THE SEA SUN HIGH  
4 SCHOOL CHEMISTRY TEACHER SUPPORT GROUP AND ALSO A TEACHER-- A  
5 SCHOOL WEBMASTER AT GRANADA HILLS CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL. SO,  
6 JUDITH, CONGRATULATIONS AND WE WISH YOU CONTINUED SUCCESS. [  
7 APPLAUSE ]

8

9 **JUDITH FLINT BAUMWIRT:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR AND BOARD  
10 MEMBERS. I APPRECIATE THE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT. AS A CHEMISTRY  
11 TEACHER, WE DON'T GET A LOT OF ATTENTION. THE WORD CHEMISTRY,  
12 EVERYBODY, YOU CAN HEAR THE AUDIBLE GROAN GO OUT. HOWEVER,  
13 GOOD INSTRUCTION IS NOT AN ISOLATED INCIDENT AND I COULD NOT  
14 BE NOR BE-- HAVE THE CREATIVE MEASURES I USE IN MY CLASSROOM  
15 WITHOUT THE ENCOURAGEMENT AND INSPIRATION OF MY FELLOW  
16 COLLEAGUES AND MY ADMINISTRATION. I CALL YOUR ATTENTION TO OUR  
17 NEW CHARTER, FIVE-YEAR INDEPENDENT CHARTER OF GRANADA HILLS  
18 HIGH SCHOOL TO TAKE A LOOK AT GRANADA IN OUR FUTURE AND  
19 ENCOURAGE OTHER SCHOOLS TO LOOK FOR NEW AND INNOVATIVE  
20 MEASURES TO TEACH AND REACH AND INSPIRE STUDENTS TO REACH  
21 THEIR HIGHEST POSSIBLE ACHIEVEMENT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [  
22 APPLAUSE ]

23

24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NOW WE WOULD LIKE TO WELCOME BRUCE DANIELS,  
25 WHO IS A GENERAL MANAGER OF LANCASTER'S NATIONAL SOCCER



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1 CENTER, WHICH JUST HOSTED THE CALIFORNIA YOUTH SOCCER  
2 ASSOCIATION'S CAL SOUTH STATE AND NATIONAL C.U.P. TOURNAMENT  
3 FROM JANUARY 1ST THROUGH MAY 15TH OF THIS YEAR. THIS STATE  
4 COMPETITION IS THE LARGEST YOUTH SOCCER TOURNAMENT IN THE  
5 UNITED STATES, SERVING OVER 130,000 PLAYERS AND  
6 ADMINISTRATORS. THE COMPETITION IS, BY FAR, THE LARGEST LOCAL  
7 GENERATOR OF REVENUE FROM SOCCER, SERVING THE ANTELOPE VALLEY,  
8 WHICH INCLUDES LODGING, RESTAURANT, RETAIL INDUSTRIES. IN A  
9 SHOW OF GRATITUDE AND APPRECIATION, THE SOCCER CENTER WAS  
10 DESIGNATED AS THE OFFICIAL CAL SOUTH VENUE. THE LANCASTER  
11 NATIONAL SOCCER CENTER PROVIDES A YEAR-ROUND CLEAN AIR VENUE  
12 IDEAL FOR YOUTH, ADULTS, AMATEURS, AND PROFESSIONALS, LEAD  
13 GAMES, TOURNAMENTS, EXHIBITIONS, SUMMER CAMPS AND TRAINING  
14 SESSIONS. THE 14-MILLION-DOLLAR COMPLEX IS DESIGNED  
15 EXCLUSIVELY FOR SOCCER AND IS SERVED BY A PROFESSIONAL STAFF  
16 THAT IS COMMITTED TO MAKING EVERY EVENT A TOTAL SUCCESS. AND I  
17 HAVE BEEN THERE AND THIS IS ONE OF THE PREEMINENT SOCCER  
18 COMPLEXES IN THE UNITED STATES AND WE'RE VERY PLEASED TO HAVE  
19 IT IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY. THE PROFESSIONAL TEAMS DO PRACTICE  
20 THERE, AS WELL. AND IT'S AN OPPORTUNITY FOR PEOPLE TO  
21 PARTICIPATE AND WE APPRECIATE THE LEADERSHIP AND GIVE YOU THIS  
22 TO THE LANCASTER NATIONAL SOCCER CENTER. GOOD LUCK. [ APPLAUSE  
23 ]  
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1 **BRUCE DANIELS:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF  
2 LANCASTER, I WOULD EXPRESS OUR APPRECIATION FOR THIS BEAUTIFUL  
3 CERTIFICATE BUT NONE OF IT COULD HAVE HAPPENED WITHOUT THE  
4 DEVELOPMENT OF THIS FACILITY, WHICH REQUIRED A PARTNERSHIP  
5 BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, AND THE  
6 CITY OF LANCASTER AND THE PRIVATE SECTOR. AND I WANT TO THANK  
7 YOU AND I WANT TO THANK THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR MAKING  
8 THIS WONDERFUL FACILITY HAPPEN SO THAT EVENTS LIKE THIS CAN  
9 OCCUR. LET'S HOPE WE CAN BUILD SOME MORE. SOCCER IS A  
10 BEAUTIFUL SPORT THAT REACHES OUT TO ALL SECTORS, REGARDLESS OF  
11 YOUR TALENT, AND IT'S JUST A WONDERFUL EXPERIENCE. AND I THANK  
12 YOU VERY MUCH FOR PARTICIPATING.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AS BRUCE SAID, THIS WAS A PUBLIC/PRIVATE  
15 PARTNERSHIP AND WE WERE ABLE TO DO THAT WITH THE CITY OF  
16 LANCASTER AND THE PRIVATE SECTOR AND IT'S BEEN VERY, VERY  
17 WORTHWHILE. WE JUST PARTNERED WITH THE SCHOOL DISTRICT IN  
18 COURTS HILL, WHERE WE'RE NOW BUILDING, IN A PUBLIC/PRIVATE  
19 PARTNERSHIP WITH THE SCHOOLS, THE NEW GYMNASIUM THAT WILL BE  
20 OPENING LATER THIS COMING YEAR. BUT IT'S THAT TYPE OF  
21 PARTNERSHIP THAT WE'RE ABLE TO STRETCH OUR DOLLARS AND  
22 PARTICIPATE IN CREATING GOOD PROJECTS. NOW WE WOULD LIKE TO  
23 BRING OUT-- THIS IS AN AUSTRALIAN SHEPHERD FEMALE. SHE'S EIGHT  
24 WEEKS OLD. HER NAME IS ANNIE. AS I SAID, SHE'S A GRAY MERLE  
25 AUSTRALIAN SHEPHERD FEMALE, WHO IS ASLEEP. OKAY. HELLO, ANNIE!



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1 MAYBE GET READY FOR THE NEXT "BABE 3" MOVIE WHEN THAT COMES  
2 OUT, ANYWAY, OR MAYBE BE ADOPTED TO GO TO THE CONVALESCENT  
3 HOMES. CAN YOU SAY HELLO? ANYBODY WHO LIKE TO ADOPT ANNIE, YOU  
4 CAN CALL THE TELEPHONE NUMBER AT THE BOTTOM OF YOUR TELEVISION  
5 SCREEN, (562) 728-4644 OR ANYBODY IN THE AUDIENCE WHO WOULD  
6 LIKE TO HAVE LITTLE ANNIE AS A NICE ADDITION TO YOUR FAMILY.  
7 COMES WITH A BANDANNA AS WELL.

8

9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. SUPERVISOR MOLINA, DO YOU HAVE ANY  
10 PRESENTATIONS? SUPERVISOR BURKE?

11

12 **SUP. BURKE:** I'D LIKE TO CALL DR. SANDERS FORWARD, DIRECTOR OF  
13 CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES. DR. SANDERS, WOULD YOU PLEASE  
14 COME FORWARD? THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES  
15 AND ITS OFFICE OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS PUBLISH A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER,  
16 D.C.F.S. NEWS, WHICH IS AN EFFECTIVE MEANS OF COMMUNICATING  
17 WITH EMPLOYEES AT ALL DEPARTMENT SITES. ITS OFFICE OF PUBLIC  
18 AFFAIRS IS A RECIPIENT OF THE 2004 AWARD OF DISTINCTION FROM  
19 THE CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICIALS IN  
20 HONOR OF D.C.F.S. NEWS. THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY  
21 SERVICES AND ITS OFFICE OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS WERE CITED BY CAPEO,  
22 AS IT'S CALLED, FOR EXCELLENT GRAPHIC DESIGN, STRONG MESSAGING  
23 IN THE PUBLISHING OF D.C.F.S. NEWS. D.C.F.S. IS DESERVING OF  
24 PUBLIC RECOGNITION FOR RECEIVING SUCH A DISTINGUISHED HONOR  
25 FROM CAPEO AND FOR FULFILLING A KEY ELEMENT OF THE COUNTY'S





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1 STRATEGIC PLAN: SERVICE EXCELLENCE. SO IT'S MY PLEASURE TO  
2 PRESENT THIS SCROLL TO DR. SANDERS IN HONOR OF THIS  
3 RECOGNITION FROM THE CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF PUBLIC  
4 INFORMATION OFFICIALS.

5

6 **DR. DAVID SANDERS:** I JUST WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR BURKE AND  
7 THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THE RECOGNITION. WE HAVE WORKED  
8 CLOSELY WITH THE QUALITY AND PRODUCTIVITY COMMISSION ON  
9 IMPROVING OUR COMMUNICATION INTERNALLY AND OUR NEWSLETTERS IS  
10 ONE OF THE KEY ELEMENTS OF COMMUNICATION. AND I REALLY WANT TO  
11 HONOR LOUISE GRAZMER AND HER STAFF FOR THE WORK THAT THEY'VE  
12 DONE ON THIS. SO I'LL TURN IT OVER TO LOUISE.

13

14 **LOUISE GRAZMER:** THANK YOU, DR. SANDERS. I'D LIKE TO THANK THE  
15 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THIS WONDERFUL HONOR AND I'D ALSO  
16 LIKE TO THANK DR. SANDERS AND EVERYONE IN THE DEPARTMENT FOR  
17 THEIR ONGOING SUPPORT OF THE NEWSLETTER. AND I'D ESPECIALLY  
18 LIKE TO THANK MY WONDERFUL STAFF, WHO HELPED ME PUT OUT THIS  
19 NEWSLETTER QUARTERLY. THANK YOU. [ APPLAUSE ]

20

21 **SUP. BURKE:** WE HAVE REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE N.A.A.C.P. AS YOU  
22 KNOW, YESTERDAY WAS THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DECISION IN  
23 BROWN VERSUS BOARD OF EDUCATION. WE'D LIKE TO CALL UP, AT THIS  
24 TIME, WILLIS EDWARDS, WHO IS A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL BOARD OF  
25 DIRECTORS OF N.A.A.C.P.; AND JACKIE HAWTHORNE, WHO IS THE



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1 VOTING FUND REPRESENTATIVE; RON HASEN, BEVERLY HILLS,  
2 HOLLYWOOD, PRESIDENT; AND ELAINEY COFFEE, WHO IS YOUTH  
3 DEVELOPMENT FROM REGION ONE. GERALDINE WASHINGTON, WHO'S THE  
4 PRESIDENT OF LOS ANGELES CHAPTER, MAY BE HERE LATER BUT, OF  
5 COURSE, SHE HAD A BUSY DAY YESTERDAY, I KNOW, AND SHE'S BEEN  
6 PART OF ALL THESE CELEBRATIONS THAT HAVE BEEN GOING ON AND WE  
7 PARTICIPATED IN THOSE CELEBRATIONS YESTERDAY. THE LAW IN THE  
8 UNITED STATES SANCTIONED RACIAL SEGREGATION IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
9 UNTIL 1954. ALTHOUGH ALL THE SCHOOLS IN A GIVEN DISTRICT WERE  
10 SUPPOSED TO BE EQUAL, MOST SCHOOLS FOR AFRICAN-AMERICAN  
11 STUDENTS WERE FAR INFERIOR TO THOSE FOR WHITE STUDENTS. IN THE  
12 FALL OF 1950, MEMBERS OF THE TOPEKA KANSAS CHAPTER OF  
13 N.A.A.C.P. AGREED TO AGAIN CHALLENGE THE SEPARATE BUT EQUAL  
14 DOCTRINE GOVERNING PUBLIC EDUCATION. THIS FOLLOWED TWO YEARS  
15 OF UNSUCCESSFUL ACTION THE CHAPTER HAD UNDERTAKEN TO PERSUADE  
16 SCHOOL OFFICIALS TO INTEGRATE. OLIVER BROWN HAD ASKED THE  
17 N.A.A.C.P. FOR HELP AFTER AN UNSUCCESSFUL ATTEMPT TO ENROLL  
18 HIS DAUGHTER, LINDA, A THIRD GRADER, IN THE WHITE ELEMENTARY  
19 SCHOOL WHICH WAS ONLY SEVEN BLOCKS AWAY. HE WAS CONCERNED THAT  
20 THE ONE-MILE WALK SHE HAD TO MAKE THROUGH A RAILROAD SWITCH  
21 YARD TO GET TO HER BLACK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL WAS UNSAFE. THE  
22 TOPEKA N.A.A.C.P. AGREED TO ASSIST THE BROWNS. OTHER BLACK  
23 PARENTS JOINED THE ACTION AND, IN 1951, THE N.A.A.C.P.  
24 REQUESTED AN INJUNCTION THAT WOULD FORBID THE SEGREGATION OF  
25 TOPEKA PUBLIC SCHOOLS. THE U.S. DISTRICT COURT FOR THE



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1 DISTRICT OF KANSAS HEARD THE BROWN CASE FROM JUNE 25TH, 26TH  
2 IN 1951. ALTHOUGH THE JUDGES AGREED THAT SEGREGATION OF WHITE  
3 AND COLORED CHILDREN HAS A DETRIMENTAL EFFECT UPON THE COLORED  
4 CHILDREN, THEY WROTE THAT THEY FELT COMPELLED TO RULE IN FAVOR  
5 OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION BECAUSE OF THE PRESSING OF PLESSY  
6 VERSUS FERGUSON, WHICH ALLOWED FOR SEPARATE BUT EQUAL SCHOOL  
7 SYSTEMS FOR BLACKS AND WHITES, AND IT HAD NOT BEEN OVERTURNED  
8 BY THE SUPREME COURT. BROWN AND THE N.A.A.C.P. APPEALED TO THE  
9 SUPREME COURT ON OCTOBER 1ST, 1951. THEIR CASE WAS COMBINED  
10 WITH OTHER CASES AND THE SUPREME COURT FIRST HEARD THE CASE ON  
11 DECEMBER 9TH, 1952, BUT FAILED TO REACH A DECISION. THE CASE  
12 WAS REHEARD ON DECEMBER 7TH AND 8TH IN 1953 AND THEN DECIDED  
13 MAY 17TH, 1954, WHEN CHIEF JUSTICE EARL WARREN READ THE  
14 DECISION OF THE UNANIMOUS COURT. IT STATED THAT, IN THE FIELD  
15 OF PUBLIC EDUCATION, THE DOCTRINE OF SEPARATE BUT EQUAL HAS NO  
16 PLACE. THE N.A.A.C.P., OF COURSE, WE KNOW THAT THE ARGUMENT  
17 WAS BY THURGOOD MARSHALL AND BY ROBERT CARTER, BOTH  
18 DISTINGUISHED N.A.A.C.P. AND LEGAL DEFENSE ATTORNEYS AND, OF  
19 COURSE, THAT WENT ON TO DISTINGUISHED POSITIONS ON THE SUPREME  
20 COURT. AND, IN CASE OF ROBERT CARTER, ON THE FEDERAL COURT. SO  
21 I'D LIKE TO MAKE THIS PRESENTATION TO THE N.A.A.C.P., OUR  
22 BRANCHES THAT ARE HERE IN THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY, ON BEHALF OF  
23 THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, ON THIS COMMEMORATION OF THE 50TH  
24 ANNIVERSARY. [ APPLAUSE ]

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1   **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH ON BEHALF OF THE N.A.A.C.P.  
2   ORGANIZATIONS FROM ACROSS THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA AND AS A  
3   PART OF THOSE NATIONAL-- THE NATIONAL N.A.A.C.P. AND THE  
4   2,000-PLUS BRANCHES. THE N.A.A.C.P. CONTINUES TO LOOK INTO THE  
5   ISSUES OF DISPARITY AND UNDER-REPRESENTATION OF MINORITIES IN  
6   SCHOOL SYSTEMS AND THE TREATMENT THAT THEY ARE RECEIVING. ONE  
7   OF THE THINGS THAT THE N.A.A.C.P. HAS DONE IN RECENT YEARS IS  
8   TO DEVELOP A N.A.A.C.P. CALL FOR ACTION AND EDUCATION. THIS  
9   BOOKLET OUTLINES A SERIES OF EVENTS THAT WE, THE N.A.A.C.P.,  
10  FEEL IS IMPORTANT THAT ALL STATES LOOK INTO AND ADDRESS IN  
11  TERMS OF CREATING A EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM THAT BENEFITS ALL  
12  CHILDREN. WE'VE BROUGHT A NUMBER OF THESE COPIES AND WE WOULD  
13  LIKE TO PRESENT ONE TO YOU AS WELL AS TO THE OTHER BOARD OF  
14  SUPERVISORS TO LOOK INTO AND WORK WITH THE N.A.A.C.P. IN  
15  ADDRESSING THOSE ISSUES IN EDUCATION WHICH WE FEEL ARE  
16  IMPORTANT TO ALL YOUTH, PARTICULARLY TO MINORITY YOUTH, IN  
17  MAKING THE EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM EQUITABLE FOR ALL YOUTH. SO I'D  
18  LIKE TO LEAVE A STACK OF THEM FOR ALL OF THE BOARD OF  
19  SUPERVISORS. AND, AGAIN, WE'D LIKE TO THANK YOU ON BEHALF OF  
20  THE N.A.A.C.P. FOR RECOGNIZING US. WILLIS?

21

22  **SPEAKER:** I WANT TO FIRST SAY THANK YOU TO THE LOS ANGELES  
23  COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND ESPECIALLY TO MISS BRATHWAITE-  
24  BURKE FOR SUPPORTING NOT ONLY I.C.C. AND THOSE SCHOOLS FROM K  
25  THROUGH 12 AND SECONDARY EDUCATION, BUT TO ALL THOSE THAT ARE



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1 STUDENTS IN THE ROOM THAT CAN HEAR MY VOICE AND THOSE OF YOU  
2 THAT ARE PARENTS. THE GOAL OF EDUCATION AND THE INCREASE OF  
3 KNOWLEDGE DOES NOTHING BUT BETTER OUR NATION AS A WHOLE. SO  
4 ALL OF YOU THAT THINK THAT THE INCREASE IN KNOWLEDGE AND  
5 LEVELING THE PLAYING FIELD FOR ALL STUDENTS IS IMPORTANT, I  
6 ENCOURAGE YOU AND CHALLENGE YOU TO JOIN US IN THE CONTINUATION  
7 OF THE STRUGGLE THAT WAS BEGUN 50 YEARS AGO WITH THE BROWN  
8 VERSUS BOARD OF EDUCATION DECISION. ON BEHALF OF THE YOUTH AND  
9 COLLEGE DIVISION OF THE N.A.A.C.P., I THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH  
10 FOR THIS HONOR. THANK YOU. [ APPLAUSE ]

11

12 **SUP. BURKE:** THAT'S ALL I HAVE.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** FIRST TIME WILLIS HAS NEVER STOOD UP AND SAID  
15 ANYTHING.

16

17 **WILLIS EDWARDS:** I HAVE TO DO THIS NOW. FIRST OF ALL, WE WANT  
18 TO THANK SUPERVISOR BURKE. LET'S GIVE HER A GREAT ROUND OF  
19 APPLAUSE FOR HER DEDICATION AND SERVICE. [ APPLAUSE ]

20

21 **WILLIS EDWARDS:** AND WE ALSO KNOW THAT SUPERVISOR BURKE IS A  
22 LIFE MEMBER OF THE N.A.A.C.P. AND SO IS HER HUSBAND AND HER  
23 DAUGHTER AND THAT'S IT. AND WE'RE GOING TO THANK YOU VERY  
24 MUCH. AND, ON BEHALF OF THE NATIONAL BOARD AND MR. JULIAN



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1 VAUGHN, WHO COULD NOT BE WITH US TODAY, WE'D LIKE TO THANK YOU  
2 VERY MUCH.

3

4 **SUP. BURKE:** THANK YOU. THAT CONCLUDES MY PRESENTATION.

5

6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. [ INDISTINCT  
7 CONVERSATION ]

8

9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MR. CHAIRMAN, FIRST, I'D LIKE TO ASK MR.  
10 MARC HAUPERT TO COME FORWARD. MARC HAUPERT HAS A LONG AND  
11 DISTINGUISHED CAREER AS A PROFESSIONAL EXECUTIVE VOLUNTEER AND  
12 COMMUNITY LEADER WITH AN UNWAVERING COMMITMENT TO PREVENT  
13 H.I.V. AND A.I.D.S. HE HAS STEADFASTLY SERVED ON THE LOS  
14 ANGELES COUNTY COMMISSION ON H.I.V. HEALTH SERVICES FOR THREE  
15 YEARS. HE SET A STANDARD FOR ACTIVE PARTICIPATION IN THE  
16 COUNTY'S LARGEST COMMISSION WITH INTEGRITY, GOOD JUDGMENT,  
17 SOUND LEADERSHIP, AND VERY WISE DECISION MAKING. HE HAS BEEN  
18 AN EFFECTIVE NEGOTIATOR OF DISPARATE PERSPECTIVES ON  
19 H.I.V./A.I.D.S., HEALTHCARE SERVICES, AND HAS PERFORMED AS A  
20 VALUABLE SPOKESPERSON TO THE LOCAL COMMUNITY, THE COUNTY AND  
21 THE STATE FEDERAL GOVERNMENTS AS WELL ON MATTERS RELATED TO  
22 THIS DISEASE. MARC HAS VOLUNTEERED COUNTLESS HOURS SERVING AS  
23 THE CO-CHAIR OF THE PRIORITY-- OF THE PRIORITIES AND PLANNING  
24 COMMITTEE AND HAS BEEN RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE  
25 COUNTY'S FIRST COMPREHENSIVE H.I.V. SERVICES PLAN. HE'S BUILT





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1 ON HIS WORKING KNOWLEDGE OF THE RYAN WHITE CARE ACT TO FULFILL  
2 THE PLANNING COUNCIL MANDATES AND PROVIDE A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN  
3 FOR DELIVERY OF H.I.V./A.I.D.S. SERVICES TO THE RESIDENTS OF  
4 LOS ANGELES COUNTY. TO IMPROVE THE LIVES OF THOSE AFFECTED BY  
5 H.I.V./A.I.D.S., MARC HAS LED, THROUGH HIS NUMEROUS CAPACITIES  
6 AS RECENT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE LOS ANGELES SHANTI  
7 FOUNDATION, GUBERNATORIAL APPOINTEE TO THE CALIFORNIA H.I.V.  
8 PLANNING GROUP, THE FORMER EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF DESERT  
9 A.I.D.S. PROJECT INCORPORATED, FORMER CO-CHAIR OF THE INLAND  
10 EMPIRE H.I.V. PLANNING COUNCIL AND FOUNDING PRESIDENT OF THE  
11 A.I.D.S. RESOURCE CENTER OF WISCONSIN. FROM THE DESERT TO  
12 WISCONSIN. YOU'VE COVERED THE WHOLE RANGE. WE WANTED,  
13 THEREFORE, TO RESOLVE, BY THIS RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF  
14 SUPERVISORS, THAT WE RECOGNIZE MARC HAUPERT FOR HIS  
15 UNPARALLELED DEDICATION TOWARDS IMPROVING THE HEALTHCARE  
16 DELIVERY SYSTEM AND FOR HIS LEADERSHIP AND CONTINUED FIGHT IN  
17 PARTICULAR AGAINST H.I.V. INFECTION AND A.I.D.S. WE WANT TO  
18 EXTEND TO MARC OUR SINCERE CONGRATULATIONS AND THANKS AS HE  
19 RETIRES FROM THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY COMMISSION ON H.I.V. AND  
20 HEALTH SERVICES AND WISH HIM WELL FOR CONTINUED SUCCESS IN ALL  
21 HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS. ON A PERSONAL LEVEL, H.I.V./A.I.D.S.  
22 COMMISSION IS ONE OF THE MOST DIFFICULT COMMISSIONS, BOTH  
23 BECAUSE OF THE DISPARATE POINTS OF VIEW BUT ALSO BECAUSE OF  
24 THE CHALLENGES THAT FACE THE COMMISSION AS A WHOLE IN DEALING  
25 WITH H.I.V./A.I.D.S. BUT I WANT TO SAY THAT, IN YOUR TERM, IN



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1 YOUR TENURE ON THE COMMISSION, MARC, AND IN ALL OF YOUR OWN  
2 ACTIVITIES, A TREMENDOUS AMOUNT OF PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE AND  
3 YOUR FINGERPRINTS ARE ALL OVER THAT PROGRESS AND I WANT TO  
4 THANK YOU ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY FAMILY FOR YOUR DEDICATION  
5 AND SERVICE TO US. THANK YOU. [ APPLAUSE ]

6

7 **MARC HAUPERT:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, FOR YOUR  
8 LEADERSHIP IN THE FIGHT AGAINST A.I.D.S. AND H.I.V. AND ALSO  
9 THE SUPPORT OF THE BOARD IN ALL OF THE EFFORTS THAT ARE  
10 COMMUNITY-DRIVEN. I ESPECIALLY ALSO WANT TO THANK THE  
11 EXCELLENT STAFF SUPPORT OF RON HANSON AND CAROL KIM IN THE  
12 SUPERVISOR'S OFFICE FOR ALWAYS BEING ACCESSIBLE AND AVAILABLE  
13 TO THE COMMISSION AND TO ME. AND I WANT TO COMPLIMENT THE  
14 COMMISSION ON H.I.V. HEALTH SERVICES FOR BEING ABLE TO RISE  
15 ABOVE INDIVIDUAL PERSPECTIVE AND INDIVIDUAL AGENCY PERSPECTIVE  
16 TO ACTUALLY CREATE A SYSTEM OF CARE THAT HAS THE CHANCE OF  
17 ACHIEVING OUR GOAL OF A HUNDRED PERCENT ACCESS AND ZERO  
18 PERCENT DISPARITY FOR SERVICES FOR H.I.V., AND ESPECIALLY  
19 THOSE COMMISSIONERS WHO ARE THEMSELVES LIVING WITH H.I.V. AND  
20 PUT IN HUNDREDS OF HOURS OF THEIR OWN TIME TO MAKE THIS  
21 COMMISSION WHAT IT IS. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [ APPLAUSE ]

22

23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MR. CHAIRMAN, I HAVE ONE MORE PRESENTATION  
24 AND WANT TO ASK THE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP, EL CAMINO REAL HIGH  
25 SCHOOL ACADEMIC DECATHLON TEAM TO JOIN US. WHERE ARE THEY?



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1 THEY'RE HERE, RIGHT? COME ON UP. WE ARE EXCEEDINGLY HONORED TO  
2 HAVE, ONCE AGAIN, IN THE THIRD SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT AND IN  
3 THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY, A NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM, AND  
4 THIS TIME IT'S THE ACADEMIC DECATHLON TEAM FROM EL CAMINO. I  
5 THINK EVERYONE KNOWS, BECAUSE WE ALL FOLLOWED IT IN THE  
6 NEWSPAPERS AND ON RADIO AND TELEVISION, THE RIGOROUS  
7 COMPETITION STARTING HERE LOCALLY IN THE L.A. UNIFIED SCHOOL  
8 DISTRICT, AND THEN STATEWIDE AND THEN NATIONALLY AS EL CAMINO  
9 WORKED ITS WAY THROUGH THE VARIOUS LEVELS TO FINALLY BRING  
10 HOME THE NATIONAL TROPHY. IT'S AN AMAZING THING. IT ISN'T  
11 AMAZING TO US WHO DEAL WITH THE L.A. UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT,  
12 AS MOST OF US DO, AS ALL OF US DO, BUT IT COMES AS A SURPRISE  
13 TO A LOT OF PEOPLE IN TOWN THAT, YEAR AFTER YEAR, AN L.A.  
14 UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT TEAM IN THE ACADEMIC DECATHLON WORKS  
15 ITS WAY UP TO NATIONAL RANKINGS, MANY TIMES HAVE COME BACK  
16 WITH A NATIONAL TROPHY, AND MOST OF THE OTHER TIMES COMING UP  
17 AS RUNNER-UPS. AND THIS IS A PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM HERE IN LOS  
18 ANGELES THAT IS DECRIED BY MANY WHO DON'T UNDERSTAND IT BUT  
19 THOSE OF US WHO DO, DO KNOW THE WORK THEY DO AT L.A.U.S.D.,  
20 AND ESPECIALLY AT SCHOOLS LIKE EL CAMINO, ARE VERY PROUD OF  
21 THE ACHIEVEMENTS. I WANT TO SAY ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY BOARD  
22 OF SUPERVISORS, TO ALL OF YOU, AND THESE ARE ALL SENIORS, IS  
23 THAT RIGHT, EVERY ONE OF YOU? THEY'RE ALL, I FEEL FOR THE  
24 COACH, HE'S GOING TO HAVE-- I HOPE YOU HAVE A GOOD BULLPEN. I  
25 THINK YOU DO. BUT THESE ARE ALL SENIORS WHO ARE GOING ON TO



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1 CAREERS AND HIGHER EDUCATION AND WE'RE VERY PROUD OF YOU FOR  
2 REPRESENTING LOS ANGELES UNIFIED AND LOS ANGELES COUNTY, BOTH  
3 IN CALIFORNIA'S COMPETITION AND IN THE NATIONAL COMPETITION.  
4 SO, ON BEHALF OF ALL OF US, LET ME JUST SALUTE YOU. WE HAVE A  
5 PROCLAMATION FOR EACH OF YOU AND I WANT TO INTRODUCE YOU  
6 INDIVIDUALLY, IF YOU'LL COME UP AND ACCEPT THIS. FIRST, I'M  
7 GOING TO GIVE THE PROCLAMATION TO THE TEAM MEMBERS AND THEN  
8 I'LL INTRODUCE THE COACHES. CASSIDY ELLIS. [ INDISTINCT  
9 CONVERSATION ]

10

11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** GOOD LUCK. CONGRATULATIONS. NEXT IS GARY  
12 FOX. JONATHAN ZIN OR IS IT LYNN? LYNN. OKAY. PATRICK LOU.  
13 CONGRATULATIONS. ERICK RASIDI. DID I SAY THAT RIGHT?

14

15 **ERICK RASIDI:** YEAH.

16

17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** NEXT IS ADAM SINGER. NEXT IS CHRIS TAYLOR.  
18 GOOD LUCK. AND ADRIENNE WITTENBERG. NEXT IS-- DID WE GET ALL  
19 THE TEAM MEMBERS? OKAY. YOU'VE GOT KIDS GOING FROM YALE,  
20 PRINCETON, U.C.-BERKELEY, U.C.L.A., U.C. RIVERSIDE, EVERGREEN  
21 STATE COLLEGE IN THE STATE OF WASHINGTON, DID I MISS...? GOT  
22 EVERY-- ALL THE SCHOOLS. THIS IS A GOOD GROUP OF STUDENTS.  
23 GOOD LUCK TO ALL OF YOU. I WANT TO INTRODUCE THE COACHES AND  
24 HONOR THEM, TOO. THE HEAD COACH, REBEKAH GUESSER. YOU'VE GOT  
25 THREE HEAD COACHES. THREE HEAD COACHES. ALL RIGHT. LET ME--



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1 I'LL GIVE YOU THIS. WE'LL TAKE A PICTURE TOGETHER. THREE HEAD  
2 COACHES. THIS IS LIKE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, YOU CAN'T JUST  
3 DO IT WITH ONE. MARK JOHNSON. MARK? AND MELINDA OWEN. ALSO,  
4 HAVE A PRESENTATION FOR ROGER FLETCHER. IS ROGER HERE?

5

6 **SPEAKER:** NO.

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8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY. HE'S ONE OF THE ASSISTANT COACHES.  
9 I'LL GIVE YOU THIS SO YOU CAN GIVE IT TO ROGER. AND JANNETTE  
10 PESETTI. OKAY. YOU CAN GIVE THAT TO JANNETTE. AND THEN WE HAVE  
11 ONE FOR THE SCHOOL AND I'D LIKE TO REALLY PRESENT IT TO-- YOU  
12 ALL GET TOGETHER HERE AND GRAB ONE PICTURE, THROUGH THE EL  
13 CAMINO REAL HIGH SCHOOL ACADEMIC DECATHLON THIRD TIME. THIRD  
14 TIME CHAMPIONS CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU, TO ALL OF YOU. [  
15 APPLAUSE ]

16

17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MARVIN COBBS, WHO IS AHEAD OF THE CALIFORNIA  
18 DECATHLON, WOULD LIKE TO SAY A FEW WORDS TO OPEN UP THE  
19 PROCEEDING.

20

21 **MARVIN COBBS:** THANK YOU. ON BEHALF OF THE CALIFORNIA ACADEMIC  
22 DECATHLON BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND THE OVER 500 HIGH SCHOOLS IN  
23 CALIFORNIA THAT PARTICIPATE IN OUR PROGRAM, I WANT TO THANK  
24 THE L.A. COUNTY SUPERVISORS FOR THIS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND I'D  
25 LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO ANNOUNCE FOR THE FIRST TIME



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1 THAT THE STATE COMPETITION IN 2005 WILL TAKE PLACE HERE IN LOS  
2 ANGELES. SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [ APPLAUSE ]

3

4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YOU MEAN WE'VE BEEN DOING THIS WITHOUT A  
5 HOME FIELD ADVANTAGE ALL THESE YEARS? COACH? WOULD YOU LIKE TO  
6 SAY A WORD? COME ON UP. MARK JOHNSON.

7

8 **MARK JOHNSON:** WE WOULD JUST REALLY LIKE TO THANK THE BOARD OF  
9 SUPERVISORS FOR INVITING US DOWN. IT'S ALL HIS A REAL THRILL  
10 WHEN WE GET THE PHONE CALL COMING DOWN HERE BECAUSE I KNOW THE  
11 KIDS LOVE IT AND THEN HE HEAD OUT TO FELIPE'S. SO, ANYWAY,  
12 JUST THANK YOU ONCE AGAIN FOR ALL THE SUPPORT THAT WE FEEL  
13 FROM L.A. CITY AND L.A. COUNTY.

14

15 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. ANYTHING ELSE, ZEV?

16

17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I'M DONE. THANKS.

18

19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. WE WILL THEN PROCEED WITH THE  
20 AGENDA. SEVERAL ADJOURNMENTS TODAY. FIRST OF ALL THAT WE  
21 ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF JOHN JOSEPH IACONO. LITTLE JOHN WAS  
22 TWO YEARS OLD. HE DIED AS A RESULT OF AN ACCIDENTAL DROWNING  
23 IN HIS FAMILY'S BACKYARD POOL. HE IS THE SON OF L.A. COUNTY  
24 FIRE DEPARTMENT CHIEF ANTHONY IACONO AND LOS ANGELES COUNTY





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1 FIREFIGHTER/PARAMEDIC NANCY IACONO. OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS  
2 ARE WITH THE FAMILY. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS MOM AND DAD.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ALL MEMBERS.

5

6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** ALL MEMBERS.

7

8 **SUP. BURKE:** THAT'S TERRIBLE.

9

10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** ALSO, THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY TODAY OF  
11 CHARLES "CHUCK" OLIVER. CHUCK IS A LONG, LONG-TIME FAMILY  
12 FRIEND. KNOWN HIM FOR OVER 30 YEARS. HE PASSED AWAY ON MAY  
13 11TH. HE WAS ONE OF THE ORIGINAL PATRIARCHS OF OUR CHURCH  
14 THERE IN ARTESIA, THE NEW LIFE COMMUNITY CHURCH, AND OF THE  
15 ENTIRE CERRITOS ARTESIA AREA. HE WAS A DECORATED PRIVATE FIRST  
16 CLASS IN THE 959TH AIR BASE SECURITY BATTALION IN ICELAND  
17 DURING WORLD WAR II. AFTER BEING DISCHARGED, HE WENT TO WORK  
18 WITH JAKE WESTER DAIRY IN DOWNEY. HE LATER BEGAN ARTESIA READY  
19 MIX CONCRETE NEAR THE TOWN OF DAIRY VALLEY, NOW KNOWN AS  
20 CERRITOS. HE WAS ORDAINED AN ELDER IN THE REFORM CHURCH OF  
21 AMERICA. HE AND HIS WIFE, BETTY, WERE VERY INVOLVED WITH THEIR  
22 CHURCH RELOCATION AND BECAME NEW LIFE COMMUNITY CHURCH IN  
23 ARTESIA. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE OF 56 YEARS, BETTY, SIX  
24 SONS, TWO DAUGHTERS, 30 GRANDCHILDREN, AND SIX GREAT-  
25 GRANDCHILDREN AND TWO BROTHERS. CHUCK IS A DEAR FRIEND, AND



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1 BETTY AND THEIR ENTIRE FAMILY AND WILL BE DEARLY MISSED BY ALL  
2 OF US. ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF KATHRYN LAW, FORMER  
3 RESIDENT OF ESCONDIDO, PASSED AWAY. SHE WAS A LOVING MOTHER  
4 AND DELIGHTED GRANDMOTHER AND GREAT-GRANDMOTHER, ACTIVE  
5 PARTICIPANT IN THE SENIOR CITIZENS ORGANIZATION AND AN AVID  
6 LOVER OF CATS. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER DAUGHTER, NANCY WALSH  
7 PHILIBOSIAN; SONS: JOHN, GUS, MARK; EIGHT GRANDCHILDREN AND  
8 FIVE GREAT- GRANDCHILDREN. SO ORDERED. I HELD ITEM 85-B AND IT  
9 WAS JUST FOR AN AMENDMENT, A FRIENDLY AMENDMENT. OBVIOUSLY,  
10 STRONGLY SUPPORT SUPERVISOR BURKE'S MOTION, IT'S JUST A  
11 SUPPLEMENT TO HER MOTION. AND MY AMENDMENT ASKS THE C.A.O. AND  
12 THE DIRECTOR OF HUMAN RESOURCES, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE  
13 COUNTY COUNSEL AND AFFECTED DEPARTMENT HEADS, TO REPORT BACK  
14 IN 30 DAYS, AND THAT'S A CHANGE FROM 90, WITH FINDINGS,  
15 RECOMMENDATIONS AND ACTIONS TAKEN FOR EMPLOYEE IDENTIFICATION  
16 SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS NEEDED FOR COUNTYWIDE POSITIONS INVOLVING  
17 TRUST OR AUTHORITY RELATIONSHIPS WITH THE PUBLIC. THESE SHOULD  
18 INCLUDE COUNTY EMPLOYEES WHOSE JOBS IT IS TO ENTER THE  
19 RESIDENTS' HOMES OR BUSINESSES OR TO OBTAIN ACCESS,  
20 CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION. AND ALSO TO REPORT BACK IN 30 DAYS  
21 ON WHETHER THE CURRENT LAW PROVIDES CRIMINAL PENALTIES FOR  
22 WRONGFUL POSSESSION OR USE OF AN EMPLOYEE IDENTIFICATION BADGE  
23 FOR SUCH PUBLIC TRUST AND PUBLIC AUTHORITY.  
24  
25 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IS THAT 30 DAYS, TOO?



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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** YEAH. 30 DAYS AS WELL. BOTH ARE 30 DAYS, TO  
3 COINCIDE WITH SUPERVISOR BURKE'S MOTION. SO WITH THAT  
4 AMENDMENT, SUPERVISOR BURKE MOVES, THE CHAIR WILL SECOND.  
5 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. ITEM NUMBER 11 WAS HELD FOR  
6 SUPERVISORS MOLINA, ANTONOVICH.

7

8 **SUP. MOLINA:** ARE YOU WAITING FOR ME, MR. CHAIRMAN?

9

10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** YEAH. SUPERVISOR MOLINA AND ANTONOVICH HELD  
11 ITEM NUMBER 11.

12

13 **SUP. MOLINA:** ALL RIGHT. WHAT I'D LIKE TO DO IS I'D LIKE TO  
14 READ IN A SUBSTITUTE MOTION THAT I'M GOING TO HAVE MY STAFF  
15 PASS OUT ON NUMBER 11. "STATE PARKS AND RECREATION IS A LEADER  
16 IN PARKS AND OPEN SPACE. THEY PROVIDE RESOURCES AND PLANNING  
17 TOOLS FOR CITIES AND SPECIAL DISTRICTS. THEY COORDINATE  
18 IMPORTANT PLANNING EFFORTS AND CONVENE DISCUSSIONS ABOUT  
19 STATEWIDE RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE NEEDS. LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
20 IS ONE OF THE MOST PARK-POOR COUNTIES IN THE UNITED STATES. A  
21 RECENT STUDY OF THE TRUST FOR PUBLIC LAND SHOWS THAT OVER  
22 700,000 LOS ANGELES CITY RESIDENTS DO NOT HAVE ACCESS TO A  
23 PARK WITHIN ONE MILE DISTANCE OF THEIR HOMES. THE PURPOSE OF  
24 ASSEMBLY BILL 2064 BY GOLDBERG IS TO ENHANCE THE DELIVERY OF  
25 URBAN PARKS THROUGH THE COOPERATIVE EFFORT OF STATE PARKS AS



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1 WELL AS LOCAL JURISDICTIONS. LOS ANGELES IS PARK-POOR AND THIS  
2 BILL WILL BRING TO THE FOREFRONT THE NEEDS OF URBAN RESIDENTS  
3 IN LOS ANGELES AND THROUGHOUT CALIFORNIA. I THEREFORE MOVE  
4 THAT THE BOARD SEND A FIVE-SIGNATURE LETTER TO THE LEGISLATURE  
5 IN SUPPORT OF AB-2064 AS AMENDED ON MAY 3RD AND FURTHER DIRECT  
6 THE DIRECTOR OF COUNTY PARKS AND REC. TO SPEAK ON BEHALF OF  
7 THIS BILL IN ITS UPCOMING STATE HEARINGS". THAT IS THE  
8 SUBSTITUTE MOTION FOR THAT ITEM.

9

10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, DID YOU...

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IT'S BEEN AMENDED.

13

14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** PARDON ME?

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WE'RE SUPPORTING THE AMENDMENT.

17

18 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. ALL RIGHT. THE ITEM-- HANG ON.

19 ANYBODY ELSE HAVE ANY COMMENTS? HAVE WE GOT A SECOND? YEAH.

20 THE ISSUE THAT I HAVE IS JUST THE DEFINITION. I MEAN, THERE

21 ARE A LOT OF AREAS THAT NEED ADDITIONAL PARKS BESIDES THE LOS

22 ANGELES AREA, I MEAN, OUT, THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY.

23

24 **SUP. MOLINA:** I'M SORRY?

25



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1    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** I SAID THERE ARE A LOT OF AREAS THAT STILL  
2    ARE PARK NEEDY. I WAS JUST CONCERNED ABOUT THE DEFINITION OF  
3    WHAT THIS AREA MIGHT BE OTHER THAN LOS ANGELES CITY, IS MY  
4    CONCERN.

5

6    **SUP. MOLINA:** I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU'RE TELLING ME. YOU  
7    MEAN IT'S A...

8

9    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** WELL, I DON'T KNOW HOW TO MAKE IT ANY  
10    CLEARER. I MEAN, IN OTHER WORDS, THE DEFINITION SEEMS TO BE  
11    ISOLATED TO LOS ANGELES CITY. THERE ARE OTHER AREAS OF THIS  
12    COUNTY-- WELL, LOOK AT YOUR MOTION. YOU'RE SHAKING YOUR HEAD,  
13    BUT...

14

15    **SUP. MOLINA:** YOU MEAN AS SHE DEFINED HER BILL, IT'S ONLY IN  
16    THE CITY? I DON'T THINK THAT'S THE CASE. IS THAT THE WAY YOU  
17    READ IT?

18

19    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IT'S NOT CLEAR.

20

21    **SUP. MOLINA:** OH, IT'S NOT CLEAR? WELL, I'M SORRY, I'M NOT THE  
22    AUTHOR OF THE BILL. IT'S MY UNDERSTANDING...

23

24    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OH, I UNDERSTAND. I JUST...

25



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1    **SUP. MOLINA:** IT'S MY UNDERSTANDING THAT IT IS TRYING TO TAKE  
2    ALL URBAN AREAS, ALL THROUGHOUT THE STATE.

3

4    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I THINK YOU'RE REFERRING TO THE MOTION,  
5    RIGHT?

6

7    **SUP. MOLINA:** NO, I DON'T THINK THE MOTION-- DOES THE MOTION  
8    SAY THAT?

9

10   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IT JUST USES BY WAY OF EXAMPLE.

11

12   **SUP. MOLINA:** IT JUST SAID THE RECENT STUDY. THE STUDY WAS DONE  
13   BY THE RESIDENTS-- FOR RESIDENTS OF L.A. CITY. IS THAT WHAT  
14   YOU'RE SAYING?

15

16   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** YES.

17

18   **SUP. MOLINA:** BUT I DON'T KNOW THAT HER DEFINITION IN THE BILL  
19   SAYS THAT.

20

21   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** HER BILL IS NOT L.A. CITY-BASED.

22

23   **SUP. MOLINA:** NOT CITY CENTER, RIGHT.

24





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1   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I THINK THE CONFUSION MAY BE THAT, MAYBE IF  
2   YOU JUST INSERTED THE WORD "FOR EXAMPLE, A RECENT STUDY BY THE  
3   TRUST."

4

5   **SUP. MOLINA:** THAT'S ALL THE INTENT WAS. IS THAT WHAT YOU'RE  
6   TALKING ABOUT?

7

8   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** WELL, WE-- I MEAN, YOU CAN PUT "FOR  
9   EXAMPLE" BUT, I MEAN, AS WE READ THE BILL ITSELF, WE DIDN'T  
10   FEEL IT WAS VERY CLEAR AS TO WHAT THE INTERPRETATION WAS. BUT,  
11   YOU KNOW, I'M NOT GOING TO WASTE A LOT OF TIME ON IT. IF YOU  
12   HAVE A MOTION AND A SECOND. I JUST-- I'LL JUST ABSTAIN AND--  
13   BECAUSE I THINK I WANT TO SUPPORT THE BILL BUT I JUST WANT A  
14   CLARIFICATION THAT IT DOESN'T ISOLATE A PARTICULAR AREA.

15

16   **SUP. MOLINA:** OKAY. I DON'T KNOW HOW SHE DEFINES IT, BUT IT'S  
17   MY UNDERSTANDING IT WAS URBAN AREAS, NOT THE CITY AT ALL. I  
18   USE THAT BECAUSE THAT WAS JUST A STUDY THAT WAS RECENTLY DONE  
19   IN THE...

20

21   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY.

22

23   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** CAN WE ASK MR. GALLAGHER TO-- DO YOU KNOW  
24   THE ANSWER TO THIS QUESTION?

25



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1 **TIM GALLAGHER:** TIM GALLAGHER, PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR.  
2 OUR UNDERSTANDING, IN MEETINGS WITH JACKIE GOLDBERG, IS THAT  
3 WE'RE LOOKING AT A HIGHLY URBANIZED AREA WHICH WOULD BE A  
4 COUNTY WITH A POPULATION OF OVER 500,000 AND A DENSITY OF  
5 1,100 PER SQUARE MILE. SO THAT WOULD ENCOMPASS ALL OF THE L.A.  
6 COUNTY, NOT JUST PARTICULAR AREAS. IF THAT COUNTY QUALIFIES,  
7 THEN THAT HIGHLY URBANIZED CHARACTERISTIC WOULD ALSO QUALIFY.

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9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** COULD YOU EXPLAIN THAT TO ME? IS THE  
10 ANTELOPE VALLEY INCLUDED IN THAT?

11

12 **TIM GALLAGHER:** THAT WOULD BE A PORTION OF L.A. COUNTY. SO OUR  
13 UNDERSTANDING, WORKING WITH HER OFFICE, IS THE ANSWER WOULD BE  
14 "YES."

15

16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO ANY COUNTY THAT HAS AN AVERAGE DENSITY  
17 THAT YOU JUST DESCRIBED, THAT IS AT LEAST 500,000 OR MORE,  
18 QUALIFIES, AND THEN ANY PLACE IN THAT COUNTY, EVEN IF IT'S IN  
19 THE MIDDLE OF THE DESERT...

20

21 **TIM GALLAGHER:** WOULD BE CONSIDERED AN URBANIZED COUNTY. THEN,  
22 IF IT IS ALSO PARK-POOR, BELOW THE THREE OR FOUR ACRES PER  
23 THOUSAND..

24

25 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SAY THAT AGAIN?



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2 **TIM GALLAGHER:** THE PARK-POOR MEANING THE STANDARD OF THREE  
3 ACRES PER THOUSAND OF PARKLAND. IF THEY ARE LESS THAN THAT.

4

5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IN THAT AREA?

6

7 **TIM GALLAGHER:** IN THAT AREA. SO YOU MAY HAVE AREAS SUCH AS  
8 SANTA CLARITA THAT IS OVER THREE ACRES PER THOUSAND EVEN  
9 THOUGH IT'S WITHIN A HIGHLY URBANIZED AREA. UNDER THE INTENT  
10 OF THAT BILL, WE UNDERSTAND IT WOULD NOT QUALIFY. BUT ANTELOPE  
11 VALLEY, EAST L.A., BELLFLOWER, AREAS LIKE THAT WHICH ARE UNDER  
12 THE THREE ACRES PER THOUSAND WITHIN THAT URBANIZED COUNTY  
13 WOULD QUALIFY.

14

15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHAT IS THE-- IS THIS PROSPECTIVE, LOOKING  
16 FORWARD?

17

18 **TIM GALLAGHER:** YEAH, THIS IS JUST SIMPLY LOOKING FORWARD  
19 BECAUSE, RIGHT NOW, PROP 12 AND PROP 40 CAN BE USED FOR  
20 URBANIZED RECREATION, ET CETERA. THE REASON WE LIKE IT HERE IS  
21 THAT IT ENDORSES THE CONCEPT THAT WE HAVE A HIGHLY URBANIZED  
22 POPULATION THAT IS DEFINITELY PARK-POOR AND PUTS THE FOCUS IN  
23 THAT DIRECTION FOR THE FUTURE.

24



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1   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** BUT SHE NO LONGER HAS A LANGUAGE IN THERE  
2   THAT ALL OF THE MONEY HAS TO BE FOR THIS PURPOSE. I MEAN, THE  
3   ORIGINAL ITERATION HAD ALL OF THE MONEY, IS THAT RIGHT? THAT'S  
4   NO LONGER THERE.

5

6   **TIM GALLAGHER:** YEAH, IT'S GONE THROUGH SEVERAL GYRATIONS.

7

8   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IT'S WHAT?

9

10   **TIM GALLAGHER:** IT'S GONE THROUGH-- THE BILL HAS GONE THROUGH A  
11   NUMBER OF GYRATIONS.

12

13   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO WHAT DOES IT SAY NOW?

14

15   **TIM GALLAGHER:** THIS JUST LOOKS AT FUTURE FUNDING.

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17   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND IS IT ALL FUTURE FUNDING? OR HOW DOES  
18   IT-- I HAVEN'T READ THE NEW LANGUAGE.

19

20   **TIM GALLAGHER:** I DON'T WANT TO GIVE YOU AN ANSWER ON THAT, I  
21   MIGHT BE WRONG, BUT...

22

23   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** IT'S FUTURE BONDS, ISN'T IT?

24

25   **TIM GALLAGHER:** YEAH, IT'S LOOKING AT BONDS.



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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** HOW ABOUT THE DEFINITION OF DENSITY? HAS IT  
3 CLARIFIED THAT? I MEAN, THAT'S THE OTHER ISSUE WE'RE TALKING  
4 ABOUT HERE. I MEAN, LIKE, WOULD THE EAST SAN GABRIEL VALLEY  
5 QUALIFY?

6

7 **TIM GALLAGHER:** IF THE COUNTY AS A WHOLE QUALIFIES, THEN IT  
8 WOULD. SO, IF YOU'RE OVER THAT 500,000 AND 1,100 PEOPLE PER  
9 ACRE, THEN YOU WOULD.

10

11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I'M JUST TRYING TO UNDERSTAND THAT... OKAY.  
12 FUTURE BONDS FOR THE ACQUISITION AND DEVELOPMENT OF  
13 REHABILITATION OF PARKS. MONEY SHOULD BE ALLOCATED-- SHOULD BE  
14 ALLOCATED TO PARK- POOR AREAS. WHAT IS THE FORCE AND EFFECT OF  
15 THIS LEGISLATION IF IT PASSES AND GETS SIGNED INTO LAW? IS IT  
16 ADVISORY?

17

18 **TIM GALLAGHER:** PROBABLY NOTHING, SINCE THERE'S WORDS LIKE  
19 "SHOULD" IN THERE. IT IS ADVISORY. IT JUST SETS IN MOTION  
20 WHERE FUTURE LEGISLATION MIGHT GO IN THE CREATION OF BONDS.  
21 THERE IS SOME HISTORICAL BACKGROUND ON THIS, AS FAR AS  
22 RELATIONSHIP WITH THE ASSEMBLY OFFICE AND STATE PARKS AND  
23 DEVELOPMENT OF PARK FACILITIES IN L.A. THAT SPURRED THIS. BUT,  
24 REGARDLESS OF THAT, THE INTENT ABOUT THE EMPHASIS ON URBAN  
25 RECREATION IS WHAT'S VERY IMPORTANT FOR US.



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY. I JUST WANTED TO BE SURE AND I THINK  
3 I'M SATISFIED THAT THIS DOES NOT MEAN THAT EVERY DOLLAR IN THE  
4 FUTURE HAS-- THAT EVERY-- A HUNDRED PERCENT OF THE DOLLARS HAS  
5 TO GO INTO PARK-POOR AREAS AS DEFINED-- YET TO BE DEFINED  
6 PARK-POOR AREAS.

7

8 **TIM GALLAGHER:** NO. I DON'T BELIEVE THERE'S THE INTENT OF THEIR  
9 OFFICE, JACKIE GILBERT'S OFFICE HERE.

10

11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. ANY FURTHER DISCUSSION? I'LL CHANGE  
12 MY ABSTENTION TO SUPPORT THEN. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

13

14 **SUP. MOLINA:** VERY GOOD. THANK YOU.

15

16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** ITEM 26 WAS HELD FOR A MEMBER OF THE  
17 PUBLIC. OKAY. YVONNE MICHELLE AUTRY HELD ITEM 26, AND THEN SHE  
18 CAN ADDRESS 64, 65, 66, AND 67.

19

20 **YVONNE MICHELLE AUTRY:** OKAY. GOOD MORNING. I KNOW IT'S BEEN A  
21 WHILE. YOU PROBABLY MISS ME, DON'T YOU?

22

23 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** YES, WE MISSED YOU.

24





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1 **YVONNE MICHELLE AUTRY:** AND WARREN AND CANDACE AND MERRITT AND  
2 SHIRLEY. RELATIVE TO ITEM NUMBER 26, I'D LIKE TO URGE YOU TO  
3 USE ANY FUNDING TO CONTINUE TO OFFSET, FIRST OF ALL, THE COST  
4 OF MONITORING FOR MANY PARENTS WHO HAVE TO PAY FOR MONITORING  
5 TO VISIT WITH THEIR OWN CHILDREN. THOSE ARE THE PARENTS THAT  
6 STILL HAVE VISITATION AND ACCESS TO THEIR CHILDREN. AND, ALSO,  
7 I WOULD LIKE YOU TO-- I'D LIKE YOU TO CONSIDER THIS-- IT'S  
8 LIKE A VANDALISM OF PARENTS WHO ARE NOT ABLE TO EVEN VISIT AND  
9 SEE THEIR CHILDREN WHO ARE STILL BEING CHARGED CHILD SUPPORT.  
10 THAT'S PROBABLY UNRELATED BUT I WANT THAT ON THE RECORD. ONE  
11 OF THE REASONS I DO FEEL IT'S ALMOST FUTILE TO ADDRESS YOU,  
12 BECAUSE MANY TIMES YOU DON'T TAKE ACTION, BUT I WAS INFORMED  
13 THAT THERE IS A MASTER BOND THAT YOU WERE UNDER WHICH ACTUALLY  
14 BINDS YOU AND MAKES YOU RESPONSIBLE FOR THAT WHICH WE TESTIFY  
15 OR THAT WHICH WE DO SPEAK AND WHICH IS RECORDED. OKAY. SO THAT  
16 THAT CAN BE ACCESSED EITHER FOR FUTURE REFERENCES OR SUITS OR  
17 ANY GRIEVANCES OR ANY ACTION THAT'S TAKEN BY PARENTS OR ANY  
18 OTHER MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY, JUST TO BRING THAT TO YOUR  
19 ATTENTION. THAT'S ONE REASON WHY SOME OF US STILL CONTINUE TO  
20 ADDRESS YOU, BECAUSE WE WERE MADE AWARE OF THIS MASTER BOND SO  
21 THAT, WHEN SOCIAL WORKERS DO FAIL TO ADEQUATELY PROTECT  
22 CHILDREN OR ADEQUATELY OR APPROPRIATELY PLACE CHILDREN, YOU  
23 ARE DIRECTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR INACTION OR ANY TYPE OF  
24 VIOLENCE OR ANY TYPE OF SUFFERING THAT THE CHILDREN THEN  
25 ENCOUNTER, INCUR OR SUFFER. SO THAT'S A MASTER BOND. ALSO,



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1 LET'S SEE, RELATIVE TO THE ITEMS REGARDING THE SHERIFF. TROY  
2 ANDERSON HAD DONE A NUMBER OF ARTICLES THAT HAD REVEALED THAT  
3 A PERCENTAGE OF THE FOSTER CARE CHILDREN DO, UNFORTUNATELY,  
4 PROBABLY BECAUSE THEY'VE INITIALLY BEEN SEPARATED FROM THEIR  
5 PARENTS, SOME HAVE BEEN ABUSED, NEGLECTED, DRUGGED, YOU KNOW,  
6 WHETHER THEY'VE BEEN RITUALIZED, WHATEVER, MANY OF THEM ENTER  
7 THE PENAL SYSTEM. SOME BECOME HOMELESS AND OTHERS BECOME  
8 UNEMPLOYED. WITH THE RECENT INCREASES IN MURDERS SUFFERED BY  
9 PRISON INMATES AT THE HANDS OF POLICEMEN, I WOULD URGE YOU TO  
10 PLEASE INVESTIGATE THIS, OKAY, BECAUSE THIS WOULD DIRECTLY  
11 IMPACT, NOT ONLY THE CHILDREN, BUT OTHER PEOPLE THAT HAVE NO  
12 VOICE, AND, PLEASE, IF YOU CAN, INVESTIGATE AND THEN PENALIZE,  
13 PROSECUTE ANY OFFICERS THAT ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR MURDERING,  
14 ABUSING ANY INMATES AND-- SO THAT WE CAN STOP THIS. LAST WEEK,  
15 I WENT WITH A DELEGATION TO SACRAMENTO SO THAT WE COULD  
16 DIRECTLY ADDRESS ASSEMBLY PEOPLE AND SENATORS FOR MANY PEOPLE  
17 THAT STILL HAVE NO VOICE BECAUSE OF NEGATIVE LABELING. THAT'S  
18 JUST FOR THE RECORD. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

19

20 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. ITEM 26, THEN, MOVED BY  
21 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BURKE. WITHOUT  
22 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. ON ITEM 65, 66, AND 67, ITEM 66 HAS  
23 BEEN REFERRED BACK TO THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND CONTINUED  
24 FOR ONE WEEK. SO WE WILL MOVE ITEM 64, 65, AND 67. MOVED BY



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1 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR MOLINA. WITHOUT  
2 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH.

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4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SOME GOOD NEWS TODAY IS THAT B.F.I. HAS SENT  
5 A LETTER TO REGIONAL PLANNING WITHDRAWING ITS APPLICATION TO  
6 DEVELOP THE LANDFILL IN ELSMERE CANYON IN THE SANTA CLARITA  
7 VALLEY, AND THIS WAS AN AREA THAT PRE-DATES SOME OF YOU WHO  
8 SERVE ON THIS BOARD, WHERE WE'VE BEEN WORKING TO HAVE THAT  
9 DEVELOPED INTO AN OPEN SPACE PARK. THE LETTER, AS I SAID, IS  
10 VERY GOOD NEWS. WHILE WE APPLAUD THIS RECENT ACTION, WE WOULD  
11 HOPE THAT B.F.I. WILL FORMALIZE THEIR AGREEMENT WITH THE SANTA  
12 MONICA MOUNTAIN CONSERVANCY WHICH WOULD TRANSFER THIS PRECIOUS  
13 ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCE INTO PUBLIC OWNERSHIP. SO THAT'S THE  
14 NEXT STAGE BUT THE LETTER HAS BEEN SENT AND WE'RE VERY PLEASED  
15 WITH THAT. I WOULD LIKE TO MOVE, WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE  
16 ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF ONE OF THE GREAT LEADERS OF LOS ANGELES  
17 COUNTY. HE WAS A FRIEND, SUPPORTER, AND MANY OF YOU HAD KNOWN  
18 HIM THROUGHOUT THE YEARS, AND HE REALLY-- HE WAS REALLY AN  
19 OUTSTANDING INDIVIDUAL. LES BENSON, WHO WAS THE LEADER OF THE  
20 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA BUSINESS ASSOCIATION AND HOTEL INDUSTRY,  
21 PASSED AWAY ON MAY 11TH AT AGE 89.

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23 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** ALL MEMBERS.

24



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1   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** HIS FUNERAL WILL BE TOMORROW-- I SHOULD SAY  
2   THURSDAY AT FOREST LAWN AT THE CHURCH OF THE RECESSIONAL. HE  
3   WORKED HARD TO SOLVE PROBLEMS WITHIN THE CITY AND COUNTY  
4   REGULATIONS. HE WORKED TO HAVE A BETTER BUSINESS ENVIRONMENT  
5   AND TO PROMOTE TRADE AND TOURISM IN OUR COUNTY. IN THE PAST,  
6   HE HAS SERVED AS CHAIRMAN OF THE HOLLYWOOD SANTA CLAUS LANE  
7   PARADE, THE BOYS CLUB OF HOLLYWOOD. HE WAS THE EDITOR OF THE  
8   OLD HOLLYWOOD CITIZEN NEWS NEWSPAPER. HE ALSO SERVED AS A  
9   MEMBER OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY AVIATION COMMISSION. 28-YEAR  
10   MEMBER OF THE PASADENA TOURNAMENT OF ROSES ASSOCIATION WHICH  
11   PRESENTED HIM WITH A LIFE MEMBERSHIP CARD BACK IN 1998. HE IS  
12   SURVIVED BY HIS LOVELY WIFE, BETTY. THEY WERE A PARTNERSHIP  
13   BUT A REAL GOOD TEAM. HE HAS A BROTHER, A NIECE, AND A NEPHEW.  
14   AND HE WAS SUCH A POSITIVE VISIONARY INDIVIDUAL AND A REAL  
15   LOSS TO OUR COUNTY.

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17   **SUP. BURKE:** WHEN DID YOU SAY THE SERVICE IS?

18

19   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THE FUNERAL IS THURSDAY AT THE CHURCH OF THE  
20   RECESSIONAL AT, I BELIEVE IT'S 11:00. FUNERAL AT 11:30. SANDRA  
21   WILL GET THE INFORMATION FOR YOU. ALL MEMBERS.

22

23   **SUP. BURKE:** ALL MEMBERS ARE GOING TO BE ON THIS?

24

25   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** YES.



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1  
2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** YES. WE ALSO LOST A VERY OUTSTANDING ACTOR  
3 TODAY, TONY RANDALL, BEST KNOWN AS FELIX ON THE "ODD COUPLE",  
4 WHO PASSED AWAY IN HIS SLEEP ON THE 17TH, YESTERDAY, AT THE  
5 AGE OF 84. HE HAD WON AN EMMY AND HE HAD JUST BEEN A REAL  
6 POSITIVE, HUMOROUS INDIVIDUAL FOR ALL OF HIS WORKS THAT HE HAD  
7 PERFORMED. AND THE EMMY THAT HE PERFORMED FOR HIS PLAYING THE  
8 PART OF UNGER ON THE SITCOM-BASED NEIL SIMON'S PLAY AND MOVIE  
9 RAN FROM 1970 TO '75 AND IT'S STILL ON THE RERUNS. ALSO, THAT  
10 WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF RUTH BEHN, WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE  
11 OF 81. SHE WORKED FOR THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY LAW LIBRARY. SHE  
12 AND HER LATE HUSBAND, GORDON, FOUNDED ARGUS PUBLISHERS  
13 CORPORATION, WHICH WAS THE PUBLISHERS OF AUTOMOTIVE MAGAZINES  
14 AND SHE WAS INVOLVED FOR MANY YEARS AS A DOCENT AT THE LOS  
15 ANGELES COUNTY MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY. ROSALIE STIFF,  
16 LONGTIME REPUBLICAN ACTIVIST IN THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY,  
17 PASSED AWAY ON MAY 11TH AT AGE 80. SHE WAS POLITICALLY ACTIVE,  
18 WORKING THE ELECTION POLLS UNTIL HER HEALTH DECLINED. RESIDENT  
19 OF TARZANA FOR 56 YEARS. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER DAUGHTER,  
20 SANDY, HER BROTHER, TWO GRANDCHILDREN AND TWO GREAT-  
21 GRANDCHILDREN. KATHERINE BRUBAKER TUNNEY. SHE WAS A DEVOTED  
22 VOLUNTEER FOR MANY YEARS FOR THE CLOISTERED CARMELITE NUNS  
23 AUXILIARY AND SANTA TERESITA HOSPITAL AND THE DOMINICAN  
24 SISTERS IN THE ALHAMBRA COMMUNITY. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER FOUR  
25 CHILDREN, TOMMY FARRELL, TELEVISION AND MOTION PICTURE



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1 CHARACTER ACTOR AND PLAYED IN MANY OF THE WESTERNS, PASSED  
2 AWAY AT THE AGE OF 82. SOME OF THOSE OTHER T.V. SERIES  
3 INCLUDED PLAYING THAD CARLSON ON THE ADVENTURES OF RIN TIN TIN  
4 AND ON THE MANY LOVES OF DOBEY GILLIS. DAISY LORRAINE EATON,  
5 ANTELOPE VALLEY CITIZEN, A COMMUNITY LEADER. AND SALVADOR  
6 MORALES, LONG-TIME RESIDENT OF ALHAMBRA. HE LEAVES HIS WIFE  
7 AND THEIR SON AND THREE GRANDCHILDREN. THAT'S ALL, MR.

8 CHAIRMAN. THE FUNERAL FOR LES BENSON IS THURSDAY AT 11:30  
9 A.M., GLENDALE FOREST LAWN, THE CHURCH OF THE RECESSIONAL--  
10 YVONNE. YVONNE? THE FUNERAL FOR LES BENSON IS THURSDAY, 11:30  
11 A.M., CHURCH OF THE RECESSIONAL AND FOREST LAWN, GLENDALE.

12 THANK YOU.

13

14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. ANYTHING ELSE? OKAY. SUPERVISOR  
15 MOLINA.

16

17 **SUP. MOLINA:** YES, SIR. MY SPECIALS, I DON'T HAVE ANY  
18 ADJOURNMENTS BUT...

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20 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** YOU HELD AN ITEM, I BELIEVE.

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22 **SUP. MOLINA:** I'M SORRY. YES, I AM. ITEM NUMBER-- I THINK IT'S  
23 70...

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25 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** 70.





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2 **SUP. MOLINA:** 70 ITSELF. AND I'D LIKE THE SHERIFF TO COME UP.  
3 THIS IS ALSO FOR COUNTY COUNSEL. I'M VERY TROUBLED BY THIS IN  
4 MANY RESPECTS. THIS IS, AGAIN, THE CORRECTIVE ACTION ON THE  
5 BALLARD CASE. AND, WHILE THIS IS A SETTLEMENT AND WE'RE  
6 APPROVING THE SETTLEMENT AND THAT'S ALREADY MOVED AND GONE ON,  
7 I'M VERY CONCERNED ABOUT HOW FACTS ARE PRESENTED TO THIS  
8 BOARD. AND THE ISSUE IS THAT WE NEED TO KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON.  
9 THAT IS A RESPONSIBILITY THAT WE HAVE AND, AGAIN, I CAN  
10 APPRECIATE THAT MAYBE THE SHERIFF DIDN'T HAVE ALL THE FACTS  
11 BUT THE SHERIFF SHOULD HAVE HAD THE FACTS AND I'M VERY  
12 CONCERNED ABOUT IT. WE WERE TOLD, IN THIS INSTANCE, THAT MISS  
13 BALLARD WAS PUNCHED IN THE FACE BY THE OFFICERS BECAUSE SHE  
14 NEEDED TO RELEASE THE CHOKING BABY.

15

16 **CHIEF BILL MCSWEENEY:** YES, THAT'S WHAT THE EVIDENCE SHOWS.

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18 **SUP. MOLINA:** NO, THAT'S WHAT WE WERE TOLD.

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20 **CHIEF BILL MCSWEENEY:** WELL, I BELIEVE THAT'S WHAT THE EVIDENCE  
21 SHOWS. THAT WAS HER RATIONALE FOR THAT ACT.

22

23 **SUP. MOLINA:** BUT THE POLICE REPORT SAYS DIFFERENTLY, DOESN'T  
24 IT?

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1 **CHIEF BILL MCSWEENEY:** I THINK THE POLICE REPORT IS A  
2 COMPACTION OF THE LOGIC HERE. IT'S NOT A GOOD ONE, I CAN SEE,  
3 BUT, ULTIMATELY, WHEN SHE WAS DEPOSED, SHE SAID MORE.

4

5 **SUP. MOLINA:** SHE SAID MORE?

6

7 **CHIEF BILL MCSWEENEY:** SHE SAID MORE ABOUT HER RATIONALE.

8

9 **SUP. MOLINA:** I KNOW, BUT SHE PUNCHED HER IN THE FACE FIRST AND  
10 THEN THE BABY STARTED CHOKING.

11

12 **CHIEF BILL MCSWEENEY:** I'M NOT SURE WE'RE CLEAR ABOUT THAT  
13 SERIES. WE DO KNOW THE FEMALE DEPUTY'S INVOLVED MOTIVATION WAS  
14 TO RESCUE THE CHILD BECAUSE SHE FELT THE CHILD WAS IN IMMINENT  
15 DANGER.

16

17 **SUP. MOLINA:** AND I CAN APPRECIATE THAT. THE ISSUE, THOUGH, IS  
18 HOW FACTS ARE PRESENTED TO US, ALL RIGHT? THERE IS NO OFFICER  
19 THAT'S SUPPOSED TO GO AROUND PUNCHING PEOPLE AND THEN  
20 RATIONALIZING IT AFTER THE FACT. THAT'S AN ISSUE. NOW, I  
21 UNDERSTAND THE SAFETY OF THE CHILD WAS INVOLVED HERE, BUT IT  
22 DID WARRANT AN INVESTIGATION ON THE PART OF THE SHERIFF.

23

24 **CHIEF BILL MCSWEENEY:** AND THAT WAS DONE.

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1   **SUP. MOLINA:** YOU HAVE AN INTERNAL AFFAIRS INVESTIGATION ON  
2   THIS?

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4   **CHIEF BILL MCSWEENEY:** YES, WE DO.

5

6   **SUP. MOLINA:** AND WHERE IS THE CORRECTIVE ACTION FOR THAT?

7

8   **CHIEF BILL MCSWEENEY:** THE CORRECTIVE ACTION, I THINK, WAS  
9   PRESENTED TO YOU FROM THE RISK MANAGEMENT OFFICE BUT THE  
10   SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT DID AN IMMEDIATE FORCE ROLLOUT  
11   INVESTIGATION FROM THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS BUREAU.

12

13   **SUP. MOLINA:** ALL RIGHT. WELL, WE HAVE A SET OF MISSING FACTS  
14   HERE. YOU'RE TELLING ME ONE THING AND WE, YESTERDAY, HAD A  
15   DIFFERENT SET OF FACTS. SO NOW THERE'S AN INTERNAL AFFAIRS  
16   INVESTIGATION. WHEN DID THAT OCCUR?

17

18   **CHIEF BILL MCSWEENEY:** IMMEDIATELY. THERE WAS A ROLLOUT TO THE  
19   SCENE...

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21   **SUP. MOLINA:** IMMEDIATELY? AND WHEN WAS IT CONCLUDED?

22

23   **CHIEF BILL MCSWEENEY:** I DON'T KNOW THE DATE.

24



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1   **SUP. MOLINA:** AND SO, ACCORDING TO THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS  
2   INVESTIGATION, THERE WAS NO DISCIPLINE WARRANTED AT ALL?

3

4   **CHIEF BILL MCSWEENEY:** THE FORCE ROLLOUT INVESTIGATION WAS  
5   REVIEWED BY THE FORCE PANEL. THERE WAS A DECISION, CERTAINLY A  
6   QUESTION, ABOUT THE WISDOM OF THE FORCE OPTION SELECTED. IT  
7   WAS JUSTIFIED ON THE EMERGENCY TACTIC RATIONALE. CERTAINLY,  
8   THAT'S OPEN TO DEBATE WHETHER THE JUDGMENT THERE WAS A GOOD  
9   ONE. HOWEVER, THERE WAS NOT SEEN AS ANY MALICIOUS INTENT, THAT  
10   THE INTENT WAS WELL MOTIVATED. THE TACTIC WAS QUESTIONABLE, TO  
11   SAY THE LEAST, AND THE INDIVIDUAL DEPUTY, THE FEMALE DEPUTY  
12   INVOLVED, WAS SENT FOR ADDITIONAL FORCE TRAINING.

13

14   **SUP. MOLINA:** ALL RIGHT. WELL, I APPRECIATE THAT. THOSE ARE  
15   DIFFERENT FACTS FROM YESTERDAY TO TODAY, SIR. BE A GOOD THING  
16   TO KEEP US INFORMED OF THE FACTS COMPLETELY AND TOTALLY AND  
17   THEY'LL BE-- I MEAN, THIS IS NOT SUPPOSED TO BE A MOVING  
18   TARGET. EITHER IT HAPPENED OR IT DIDN'T HAPPEN. YESTERDAY, IT  
19   HAD NOT HAPPENED.

20

21   **CHIEF BILL MCSWEENEY:** I REGRET THAT YOU WERE NOT INFORMED  
22   PROPERLY.

23

24   **SUP. MOLINA:** [ LAUGHTER ]. ISN'T THAT AMAZING?! OH! SORRY  
25   ABOUT THAT. OKAY.



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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** SIR, COULD YOU PUT YOUR NAME ON THE RECORD?

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4 **CHIEF BILL MCSWEENEY:** I'M CHIEF BILL MCSWEENEY.

5

6 **SUP. MOLINA:** YOU KNOW, FOLKS, WE'RE SUPPOSED TO BE ON THE SAME  
7 TEAM HERE, RIGHT?

8

9 **CHIEF BILL MCSWEENEY:** I AGREE.

10

11 **SUP. MOLINA:** WELL, WITHHOLDING FACTS IS NOT PART OF THE WAY  
12 THAT I WANT TO OPERATE AND IT WAS MY UNDERSTANDING THAT NO  
13 INTERNAL AFFAIRS INVESTIGATION WAS DONE, THAT THERE WAS NO  
14 COUNSELING. IT'S GOOD TO HEAR THAT IT WAS DONE BUT I'M NOT  
15 GOING TO ALLOW YOU TO DO THIS TO ME AGAIN.

16

17 **CHIEF BILL MCSWEENEY:** I'M SORRY THAT IT HAPPENED.

18

19 **SUP. MOLINA:** YOU'RE NOT AS SORRY AS I AM. AND THEN THE OTHER  
20 ISSUE, OF COURSE, IS COUNTY COUNSEL. IT IS MY UNDERSTANDING  
21 THAT THEY DIDN'T KNOW THAT WHEN THEY STARTED IN THIS CASE. IS  
22 THAT CORRECT? OR ARE YOU GOING TO TELL ME A DIFFERENT STORY  
23 TODAY? I WANT TO KNOW, WHAT'S THE STORY OF THE DAY ON THIS  
24 ONE?

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1   **MR. FORTNER:** MR. CHAIRMAN, SUPERVISOR MOLINA, IT'S MY  
2   UNDERSTANDING THAT, WHEN OUR ATTORNEYS PRESENTED THE MATTER TO  
3   THE JUSTICE DEPUTIES FOR SETTLEMENT, THAT WE WERE UNAWARE THAT  
4   THERE MAY BE AN ISSUE OVER THE DIFFERENCE IN-- POTENTIAL  
5   DIFFERENCE IN DEPOSITION TESTIMONY VERSUS THE POLICE REPORT  
6   THAT WAS PREPARED BY THE DEPUTY. WE HAVE LOOKED AT THAT  
7   SOMEWHAT WITH 20/20 HINDSIGHT AND OUR-- IT STILL APPEARS THAT  
8   THERE IS A GRAY AREA THAT THERE WAS ANY DIFFERENCE OVER THE  
9   TIME THE DEPUTY PUNCHED THE PERPETRATOR, MISS BALLARD, IN THE  
10   CASE. WE HAD NOT BEEN BRIEFED AS TO ANYTHING ABOUT THAT ISSUE  
11   BY OUR OUTSIDE COUNSEL BUT THAT IS NOT UNUSUAL IN ANY CASE.  
12   THERE ARE A GREAT DEAL OF FACTS. OUR OUTSIDE COUNSEL IS  
13   PREPARING THE DEFENSE OF THE LAWSUIT AND PUTTING THE FACTS  
14   TOGETHER AS BEST HE COULD. AND, WHEN THE MATTER WAS BROUGHT TO  
15   US, WE REPORTED WHAT WE THOUGHT WERE THE IMPORTANT FACTS OR  
16   ALL OF THE FACTS THAT WE HAD TO THE BOARD AND TO THE FIRST OF  
17   THE JUSTICE DEPUTIES. AND I SUPPOSE OUR CONTINUED ROLE AND  
18   RESPONSIBILITY IS TO ENSURE THAT, WHEN OUTSIDE COUNSEL DOES  
19   PUT TOGETHER A FACTUAL SCENARIO THAT THEN BECOMES THE BASIS  
20   FOR PRESENTATION TO THE JUSTICE DEPUTIES OR TO THE BOARD FOR  
21   SETTLEMENT PURPOSES, THAT ANY POTENTIAL INCONSISTENCIES HAVE  
22   BEEN THOROUGHLY DISCUSSED AND BROUGHT TO THE SURFACE SO THAT  
23   WE'LL KNOW WHETHER OR NOT THERE ARE FACTS OR POTENTIAL FACTS  
24   THAT THE BOARD-- POTENTIAL INCONSISTENCIES THAT THE BOARD





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1 SHOULD BE MADE AWARE OF IN MAKING YOUR DECISION ON WHETHER TO  
2 SETTLE THE CASE OR NOT.

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4 **SUP. MOLINA:** YOU KNOW, I'VE ALWAYS BEEN TROUBLED ABOUT WHETHER  
5 OUR LAWYERS REALLY UNDERSTAND WHO THEY'RE SERVING, WHO THE  
6 CLIENT IS. I'VE RAISED THIS MANY, MANY TIMES. THE CLIENT IS  
7 THE TAXPAYER. THE CLIENT IS THE PUBLIC AND THE CLIENT IS THIS  
8 BOARD. AND SO IT ISN'T JUST DEFEND AT ALL COST AND I  
9 UNDERSTAND, IN PROVIDING A DEFENSE, THAT'S UNDERSTANDABLE AND  
10 RESPECTFUL-- I MEAN, I CAN RESPECT THAT ASPECT OF IT. BUT, AT  
11 THE END OF THE DAY, IF WE HAVE OFFICERS THAT ARE VIOLATING  
12 THEIR OWN PROCESS AND THEIR OWN PROCEDURES, WE NEED TO KNOW.  
13 WE'RE THE CLIENT. WE NEED TO CORRECT THAT. AND IF COUNTY  
14 COUNSEL CAN'T UNDERSTAND THAT AND IF THEIR ONLY MISSION TO US  
15 IS TO DEFEND AND SAY ANYTHING YOU NEED TO SAY IN ORDER TO  
16 PROTECT THIS BOARD OR THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT FROM ANY  
17 FURTHER LIABILITY, I DON'T THINK THAT'S EXCLUSIVELY YOUR DUTY  
18 AND RESPONSIBILITY. AND THAT IS THE CULTURE THAT GOES ON THERE  
19 AND I REALLY DON'T-- IT'S HARD FOR ME TO RESPECT THAT ASPECT  
20 OF IT, PARTICULARLY END OF THE DAY. I THINK WE NEED TO KNOW  
21 THE FACTS AND IT SHOULDN'T BE SHOCKING OR SURPRISING TO COUNTY  
22 COUNSEL THAT IT ISN'T, LIKE, "WHY DO YOU CARE? IT'S OVER, IT'S  
23 GONE, IT'S DONE WITH. FILE IT AWAY." I THINK WE HAVE A PROBLEM  
24 HERE. AT FIRST, I WAS TOLD THERE WAS NO O.I.R., THAT-- I MEAN,  
25 NO INTERNAL AFFAIRS INVESTIGATION THAT WAS DONE. TODAY, WE



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1 FIND OUT THERE WAS. YOU KNOW? EITHER YOU GUYS KNOW THE FACTS  
2 OR YOU DON'T KNOW THE FACTS. I THINK IT WOULD BE WORTHWHILE TO  
3 COUNTY COUNSEL TO KNOW THAT BUT YOU DIDN'T KNOW IT YESTERDAY.  
4 AND, IF YOU KNEW IT, I'M SURPRISED YOU DIDN'T TELL ME. HE JUST  
5 FOUND OUT.

6

7 **MR. FORTNER:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA, I'M NOT-- I HAVEN'T BEEN PRIVY  
8 TO ALL THE CONVERSATIONS THAT YOU'RE REFERRING TO HERE OR THAT  
9 LED TO THIS THAT SOMEBODY DIDN'T KNOW YESTERDAY AND SOMEBODY  
10 DOES KNOW TODAY.

11

12 **SUP. MOLINA:** YOUR LAWYERS WHO DEFENDED THIS, YOUR LAWYERS WHO  
13 WORKED WITH THE OUTSIDE COUNSEL, DID NOT KNOW THIS ENOUGH TO  
14 TELL US. BECAUSE MY-- MY INTEREST HERE CONTINUES TO BE ARE OUR  
15 DEPUTIES SERVING OUR INTERESTS WELL? RIGHT? ARE OUR DEPUTIES  
16 FOLLOWING POLICIES AND PROCEDURES WELL? I CERTAINLY WOULDN'T  
17 WANT TO BE PUNCHED IN THE FACE BY SOME DEPUTY WHO LATER ON  
18 SAYS, "OH, BUT SHE WAS CHOKING HER KID" AFTER THE FACT. I  
19 DON'T KNOW. AND ALL I KNOW IS WHATEVER THAT DEPUTY HAS DONE,  
20 SHE NEEDS TO BE EITHER REPRIMANDED, RETRAINED, OR WHATEVER.  
21 AND YOU ALL HAVE TO UNDERSTAND THAT IT MIGHT BE ONE THING TO  
22 PUT UP A DEFENSE BUT IT'S DIFFERENT OF WHAT YOU TELL US.

23



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1   **MR. FORTNER:** I'M SORRY FOR THE CONFUSION IN THE COMMUNICATION  
2   HERE OR THE MISCOMMUNICATION OR LACK OF COMMUNICATION THAT  
3   YOU'RE REFERRING TO BUT THE...

4

5   **SUP. MOLINA:** NO, I THINK THE YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND THE CLIENT.

6

7   **MR. FORTNER:** ...CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN DOES REFER TO THE...

8

9   **SUP. MOLINA:** I'M SORRY?

10

11   **MR. FORTNER:** THE CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN THAT WAS FILED WITH  
12   THIS SETTLEMENT DOES DESCRIBE THAT THERE WAS AN INTERNAL  
13   AFFAIRS INVESTIGATION AND A FORCE REVIEW AND THAT STEPS WERE  
14   TAKEN WITH REGARD TO COUNSELING THE DEPUTY AND THERE WAS--  
15   THERE WAS CERTAINLY NO INTENT ON OUR PART TO KEEP A POTENTIAL  
16   ISSUE IN THE CASE FROM THE BOARD AND, CLEARLY, I THINK THAT IS  
17   OUR RESPONSIBILITY TO MAKE SURE THAT ALL THOSE POTENTIAL  
18   ISSUES ARE BROUGHT TO THE BOARD IN SUGGESTING AND RECOMMENDING  
19   A SETTLEMENT.

20

21   **SUP. MOLINA:** BUT THIS DISCREPANCY WASN'T BROUGHT TO THE BOARD.  
22   YOU'RE SAYING IT WASN'T A CORRECTIVE ACTION?

23

24   **MR. FORTNER:** A SPECIFIC DESCRIPTION OF THE FACTS THAT THE  
25   POLICE REPORT READ ONE WAY SPECIFICALLY, AND IT'S SEVERAL



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1 PAGES LONG, AND THE DEPOSITION TESTIMONY READ VERY SIMILARLY,  
2 VERY CONSISTENTLY, BUT SLIGHTLY DIFFERENTLY. IT WAS NOT  
3 DISCUSSED. NO, THAT'S-- THAT'S TRUE AND WE DID NOT KNOW THAT  
4 AT THE TIME THAT THIS WAS BROUGHT TO THE JUSTICE DEPUTIES BUT  
5 IT'S WITH HINDSIGHT IN THE CONTEXT OF THIS DISCUSSION THAT IT  
6 IS ARGUABLE THAT THERE IS A CONSISTENCY AND THOSE KINDS OF  
7 THINGS. WE WILL CONTINUE TO MAKE SURE THAT OUR OUTSIDE LAWYERS  
8 AND OUR HOUSE COUNSEL ALL UNDERSTAND THAT THESE NEED TO BE  
9 BROUGHT OUT TO THE ATTENTION...

10

11 **SUP. MOLINA:** IN ORDER FOR ME TO TRULY APPRECIATE THAT YOU'RE  
12 RECOGNIZING THAT, COULD YOU ALL PUT TOGETHER A CORRECTIVE  
13 ACTION FOR COUNTY COUNSEL AS TO HOW THEY WOULD APPROACH THIS?  
14 I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT FOR YOU TO UNDERSTAND THAT HOW YOU  
15 BRIEF, HOW YOU MOVE FORWARD AND WHAT WOULD BE DIFFERENT. I  
16 THINK THERE IS VALUE THERE IN UNDERSTANDING THAT, AS WELL. I  
17 DON'T KNOW WHAT THE COSTS WERE ON THIS. WHAT WERE THE LEGAL  
18 COSTS ON THIS CASE?

19

20 **MR. FORTNER:** I DON'T KNOW IF I HAVE THAT INFORMATION HERE. I  
21 THINK I'D HAVE TO GET YOU BECAUSE IT'S NOT REPORTED IN THE  
22 SETTLEMENT LETTER.

23

24 **SUP. MOLINA:** YOU DON'T KNOW HOW MUCH WE PAID OUR OUTSIDE  
25 LAWYERS? GARY, DO YOU KNOW?



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2 **MR. FORTNER:** NO, I'M SORRY. THE EXPENSES IS REPORTED IN THE  
3 CLAIMS BOARD LETTER. THIS CAME TO THE BOARD FOR SETTLEMENT.  
4 THE DEFENSE EXPENSES WERE ATTORNEY'S FEES OF 21,000 AND COSTS  
5 OF 3,000, A LITTLE OVER 3,000.

6

7 **SUP. MOLINA:** AND WHEN YOU LOOK AT A CASE LIKE THIS AND I TAKE  
8 IT YOU MEET WITH THE SHERIFF AND YOU SET UP SOME KIND OF A  
9 CONFERENCE AS WELL AS YOU PROBABLY MEET WITH YOUR PRIVATE  
10 COUNSEL AS TO HOW YOU'RE GOING TO APPROACH ALL OF THESE  
11 ISSUES, DO YOU EVER THINK OF JUST LOOKING AT THAT TIME AS TO  
12 HOW YOU'RE GOING TO APPROACH IT FROM THE STANDPOINT OF A  
13 CORRECTIVE ACTION AT ALL AT THE VERY BEGINNING? AS YOU'RE  
14 GATHERING THE FACTS?

15

16 **MR. FORTNER:** WELL, THE CORRECTIVE ACTION DOES NOT COME FROM  
17 THE COUNTY COUNSEL. IT IS NOT REALLY PREPARED BY THE COUNTY  
18 COUNSEL.

19

20 **SUP. MOLINA:** I UNDERSTAND THE CORRECTIVE ACTION DOESN'T BUT  
21 I'M ASKING THE QUESTION, NOT ABOUT THIS, NOT ABOUT THE CASE,  
22 ABOUT HOW YOU HANDLED THE CASE. I'M CONCERNED ABOUT HOW COUNTY  
23 COUNSEL HANDLED THE CASE.

24



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1 **MR. FORTNER:** WELL, IN TERMS OF PREPARING THE LEGAL STRATEGY  
2 FOR THE CASE, IS THAT WHAT YOU'RE REFERRING TO?

3

4 **SUP. MOLINA:** YES, SIR.

5

6 **MR. FORTNER:** WELL, THE CASES ARE REVIEWED, THE FACTS ARE  
7 REVIEWED AND WE HAVE GOTTEN A GOOD START ON THE ROUNDTABLE  
8 PROCESS FOR OUR LITIGATION.

9

10 **SUP. MOLINA:** BUT AGAIN-- I UNDERSTAND BUT THAT'S THE ISSUES.  
11 FACTS ARE REVIEWED. WHICH FACTS COULD YOU HAVE REVIEWED? ISN'T  
12 IT A DIFFERENT SCENARIO AND A DIFFERENT STORY? THAT'S THE  
13 ISSUE. THERE ARE TWO STORIES OPERATING HERE. AT THE END OF THE  
14 DAY, WHEN YOU GOT TO DEPOSITION, THE OTHER STORY CAME OUT AND  
15 THEN ALL OF A SUDDEN WE'RE GOING... SO-- BUT YOU STARTED WITH  
16 ONE SET OF FACTS. I'M CONCERNED OF HOW YOU APPROACH THIS AND,  
17 EVEN FROM THE STANDPOINT OF JUST COST EFFECTIVENESS, DOES A  
18 COST LITIGATION MANAGER PARTICIPATE IN THIS DISCUSSION?

19

20 **MR. FORTNER:** WELL, YES, MORE AND MORE WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO  
21 BRING IN THE LITIGATION COST MANAGER AND THAT IS CERTAINLY THE  
22 GOAL TO MAKE THAT AN INTEGRAL PART OF...

23

24 **SUP. MOLINA:** COULD YOU GIVE ME BACK A REPORT, MR. FORTNER, AS  
25 TO HOW YOU APPROACH THIS STRATEGY? I WANT TO UNDERSTAND, MAYBE





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1 MORE EFFECTIVELY, AS TO HOW YOU APPROACH IT. I'M GETTING THE  
2 FEELING THAT HOW IT'S APPROACHED IS YOU CALL UP AND YOU SAY,  
3 "OKAY, MR. OUTSIDE LAWYER, HERE'S ANOTHER CASE," AND THERE IT  
4 GOES. I DON'T UNDERSTAND, AND I CAN'T APPRECIATE, WHAT OUR  
5 COUNTY COUNSEL DOES IN MANAGING THIS CASE. MAYBE IF YOU  
6 OUTLINE THAT REPORT FOR ME, IT WOULD BE MORE EFFECTIVE FOR ME.

7

8 **MR. FORTNER:** WE'D BE HAPPY TO DO THAT BECAUSE WE DO PLAY A  
9 ROLE IN-- HOPEFULLY, A MUCH GREATER ROLE THAN WOULD APPEAR IN  
10 THIS DIALOGUE IN PREPARING THE STRATEGY OF THE CASE AND THEN  
11 ULTIMATELY COMING TO THE BOARD FOR A RECOMMENDED SETTLEMENT.

12

13 **SUP. MOLINA:** THAT WOULD BE VERY HELPFUL AND SO THIS IS IN THE  
14 BEGINNING INITIAL STRATEGY THAT YOU'RE DEFINING, YOU'RE GOING  
15 TO PUT THAT REPORT TOGETHER FOR ME.

16

17 **MR. FORTNER:** THAT'S RIGHT.

18

19 **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU.

20

21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** ANTONIO RODRIGUEZ SIGNED UP TO SPEAK.

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23 **ANTONIO RODRIGUEZ:** GOOD MORNING, MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS OF THE  
24 BOARD. I'M HERE IN MY CAPACITY AS ATTORNEY FOR THE FAMILY OF  
25 RAMON GAVIDA CAMARILLO, WHO DIED, ALLEGEDLY BY HANGING, IN THE



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1 LOS ANGELES COUNTY JAIL ON JULY 11TH, 2002. MR. GAVIDA  
2 CAMARILLO, WHEN THE AUTOPSY WAS PERFORMED, WAS FOUND TO HAVE  
3 FIVE BROKEN RIBS, A BROKEN CLAVICLE, HEAD CONTUSIONS AND  
4 LACERATIONS, INTERNAL INJURIES, VERY BAD BRUISES THROUGHOUT  
5 HIS BODY, LIMBS, TORSO, LEGS, ARMS, AND, AT THE TIME THAT THIS  
6 CASE, SUBSEQUENT TO HIS DEATH, HE HAD ONLY BEEN IN THE COUNTY  
7 JAIL THREE DAYS. THE BEATINGS HAD TAKEN PLACE OVER A PERIOD OF  
8 THOSE THREE DAYS AND THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S  
9 DEPARTMENT RULED THAT THIS CASE WAS A SUICIDE, BECAUSE HE HAD  
10 BEEN FOUND HANGING IN HIS CELL, AND REFUSED TO INVESTIGATE THE  
11 BEATINGS. WE ARE ASKING, WE'VE SUBMITTED A LETTER THIS MORNING  
12 TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, REQUESTING THAT YOU ORDER AN  
13 INDEPENDENT INVESTIGATION OF THIS CASE. ESSENTIALLY WHAT WE  
14 HAVE HERE IS A SITUATION OF SOMEONE WHO SUFFERED TERRIBLE  
15 BEATINGS OVER THREE DAYS, ACTUALLY WALKED AROUND THE COUNTY  
16 JAIL FOR THREE DAYS WITH THIS KIND OF SEVERE INJURIES. WAS  
17 NEVER REFERRED FOR MEDICAL TREATMENT, NEVER RECEIVED ANY KIND  
18 OF MEDICAL TREATMENT, AND WAS ACTUALLY KEPT IN THE HOLE IN  
19 ISOLATION FOR A PERIOD OF THREE DAYS, DESPITE THE FACT THAT HE  
20 WAS NOT IN DISCIPLINARY STATUS. WE ASK THAT YOU ORDER AN  
21 INVESTIGATION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. THE FAMILY HAS, AT THE  
22 TIME, WAS UNABLE TO SEE HIM EVEN IN THE COUNTY JAIL BECAUSE,  
23 FOR NO APPARENT REASON, HE WAS PLACED NOT ONLY IN DISCIPLINARY  
24 STATUS BUT WITHOUT A RIGHT TO RECEIVE VISITORS.

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1    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

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3    **SUP. MOLINA:** MR. CHAIRMAN? MR. RODRIGUEZ, I KNOW YOU'RE THE  
4    LAWYER FOR THE OTHER SIDE, SO I'M NOT GOING TO GIVE YOU ALL OF  
5    THE FACTS, AND THAT'S NOT OUR PURPOSE. BUT, AS YOU STATE THE  
6    FACTS, AS YOU UNDERSTAND THEM, THEY CERTAINLY AREN'T THE FACTS  
7    AS PRESENTED TO US. AND SO I THINK IT IS APPROPRIATE THAT WE  
8    INVESTIGATE, IF NOTHING ELSE, TO KNOW THE FACTS FOR OURSELVES  
9    AS TO WHAT'S GOING ON. I DON'T KNOW THAT IT IS-- THAT THE  
10    FACTS, AS YOU STATE THEM, ARE THE FACTS THAT ARE KNOWN TO US.  
11    IT WAS PRESENTED ABSOLUTELY AS A SUICIDE. IT WAS CONCLUDED AS  
12    A SUICIDE BUT I'VE NOT LOOKED AT THE CORONER'S REPORT. WE'VE  
13    NOT LOOKED AT ANY ASPECT OF IT. I THINK IT'S VERY APPROPRIATE  
14    THAT WE DO SOME LEVEL OF INVESTIGATION AND ASK THE SHERIFF'S  
15    DEPARTMENT WHAT LEVEL OF INVESTIGATION THEY ARE CONDUCTING.  
16    THIS IS NOT FOR YOUR BENEFIT OF YOUR LAWSUIT. YOU HAVE YOUR  
17    OWN-- YOUR OWN AREA OF DISCOVERY IN WHICH YOU WILL DO THAT BUT  
18    THIS IS FOR OUR PURPOSES, SO THAT WE NEED TO KNOW WHAT IS  
19    GOING ON. I UNDERSTAND JAIL IS JAIL AND I THINK TIMES ARE  
20    TOUGH, BUT PEOPLE DON'T GO INTO JAIL TO BE KILLED AND I'M  
21    WORRIED ABOUT THE FACTS AS YOU STATE THEM. I HOPE THAT ISN'T  
22    THE CASE AT ALL.

23

24    **ANTONIO RODRIGUEZ:** WE'RE NOT HEAR TO DISCUSS THE CASE. WE'RE  
25    ASKING FOR AN INVESTIGATION. THE FAMILY HAS ASKED US TO



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1 REQUEST THAT-- WE'RE NOT HERE TO LITIGATE OR TO ASK QUESTIONS  
2 ABOUT THAT WOULD BENEFIT OUR CASE BECAUSE, IN EITHER CASE, THE  
3 MAN DIED IN JAIL.

4

5 **SUP. MOLINA:** BUT WE HAVE HAD SOME CONCERNS ABOUT DEATHS IN OUR  
6 JAILS. IT CERTAINLY IS SOMETHING THAT'S BEEN AN ONGOING  
7 CONTROVERSY WITH MYSELF AND SOME OF THE BOARD MEMBERS AND THE  
8 SHERIFF, BUT I DO KNOW THIS, IS THAT WE HAVE A DUTY AND A  
9 RESPONSIBILITY TO AT LEAST CONDUCT INVESTIGATIONS. FACTS  
10 SHOULD NOT INTIMIDATE US AND, IF THE FACTS ARE AS YOU PRESENT  
11 THEM TODAY, IT WOULD BE VERY ALARMING TO US THAT WE WOULD  
12 ALLOW THIS KIND OF TREATMENT OF PRISONERS TO GO ON IN OUR  
13 JAILS. AND SO, CONSEQUENTLY, IT DOES MERIT AN INVESTIGATION.  
14 MR. FORTNER, IS IT SUFFICIENT FOR ME TO DO SO OR IS THERE  
15 SOMETHING THAT THE BOARD MUST REQUEST? CAN WE REQUEST THAT  
16 REPORT FOR YOU TO CARRY IT OUT AND ASK THE SHERIFFS TO BEGIN  
17 AN INVESTIGATION ON THIS? CAN YOU COMPILE SOME OF THESE FACTS  
18 FOR US?

19

20 **MR. FORTNER:** MR. CHAIRMAN, SUPERVISOR MOLINA, I DON'T KNOW THE  
21 STATUS OF VARIOUS INVESTIGATIONS, WHICH I'M SURE ARE UNDERWAY.  
22 WHEN WE REACH A POINT WHERE WE BELIEVE WE HAVE FACTS, WE WOULD  
23 SCHEDULE THE MATTER FOR A CLOSED SESSION BRIEFING.

24



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1   **SUP. MOLINA:** NO, CAN YOU AT LEAST TELL US WHETHER THERE IS AN  
2   INVESTIGATION? I WAS TOLD THAT THIS WAS CONSIDERED A SUICIDE  
3   SO THERE ISN'T AN INVESTIGATION.

4

5   **MR. FORTNER:** WE CAN REPORT TO YOUR BOARD AS TO THE STATUS OF  
6   ANY INVESTIGATIONS THAT ARE ONGOING OR HAVE BEEN CONCLUDED, IF  
7   THEY HAVE.

8

9   **SUP. MOLINA:** IF IT WAS A SUICIDE, THERE WOULD BE NO  
10   INVESTIGATION. IF, IN FACT, THERE'S A LAWSUIT, IT REALLY IS--  
11   I'M SORRY?

12

13   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THERE'S AN INVESTIGATION, THERE WILL BE AN  
14   INVESTIGATION...

15

16   **MR. FORTNER:** THERE IS AN ACTIVE LAWSUIT SO THERE IS AN  
17   INVESTIGATION OF THE FACTS...

18

19   **SUP. MOLINA:** BUT KEEP IN MIND THIS HAPPENED IN 2002.

20

21   **SUP. BURKE:** BUT THERE'S STILL AN ACTIVE LAWSUIT, RIGHT?

22

23   **MR. FORTNER:** YES, THAT'S CORRECT.

24



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1   **SUP. MOLINA:** YES, THERE'S AN ACTIVE LAWSUIT. BUT I'M CURIOUS  
2   AS TO WHETHER, I MEAN, THE INVESTIGATION WOULD BE COMPLETED BY  
3   NOW, IF THERE WAS AN INVESTIGATION.

4

5   **MR. FORTNER:** I JUST DON'T KNOW, SUPERVISOR MOLINA. I'LL HAVE  
6   TO FIND...

7

8   **SUP. MOLINA:** SO YOU UNDERSTAND WHAT I'M ASKING YOU?

9

10   **MR. FORTNER:** YES, I DO, VERY CLEARLY.

11

12   **SUP. BURKE:** BUT IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF YOU SHARED WITH US THE  
13   INVESTIGATION PURSUANT TO THE LAWSUIT THAT YOU HAVE. NOT RIGHT  
14   HERE, OF COURSE.

15

16   **MR. FORTNER:** YES, OF COURSE.

17

18   **SUP. BURKE:** I'M SURE THAT YOU'VE HAD SOME INVESTIGATION IF YOU  
19   HAVE A LAWSUIT OF THIS MAGNITUDE THAT'S GOING ON.

20

21   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU. THANK YOU, SIR.

22

23   **ANTONIO RODRIGUEZ:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

24





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1   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** DID YOU HOLD ANYTHING ELSE, SUPERVISOR  
2   MOLINA? DID YOU HAVE ANY ADJOURNMENTS?

3

4   **SUP. MOLINA:** NO, I DID NOT HOLD ANYTHING ELSE AND I HAVE NO  
5   ADJOURNMENTS.

6

7   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. WE ALSO HAD ITEM 35 THAT WAS HELD FOR  
8   THE PUBLIC. ITEM 35. SO, ON ITEM 70, DO WE NEED AN ACTION TO  
9   RECEIVE AND FILE?

10

11   **MR. FORTNER:** YES. THAT WAS HELD FOR APPROVAL.

12

13   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. CHAIR WOULD MOVE TO RECEIVE AND FILE.  
14   SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BURKE. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.  
15   OKAY. ITEM 35. JANINE WATKINS.

16

17   **JANINE WATKINS:** YES. MY NAME IS JANINE WATKINS AND I REPRESENT  
18   ENVIRONMENTAL MAINTENANCE AND I'M HERE TO PROTEST THE AWARD OF  
19   ITEM 35. TWO YEARS IN A ROW-- FIRST OF ALL, IN 2002, THERE WAS  
20   AN R.F.P. ISSUED FOR RANCHO LOS AMIGOS. IT WAS SUPPOSED TO BE  
21   TURNED IN AT 2:00. I HAPPENED TO BE THERE, AFTER TURNING IN MY  
22   BID, TO WITNESS THAT PREMIER TURNED IN THEIR BID 15 MINUTES  
23   LATER THAN PROPOSED. BECAUSE THE COUNTY DOESN'T HAVE A STOP  
24   CLOCK THAT ACCURATELY TIMES THAT, WE WERE GIVEN HANDWRITTEN  
25   RECEIPTS. WHEN I ASKED THE CONTRACT ADMINISTER WHETHER OR NOT



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1 SHE WAS GOING TO ACCEPT IT, SHE DISMISSED ME AND SAID, "DON'T  
2 WORRY ABOUT IT." LATER ON, WHEN I INQUIRED ABOUT IT, I WAS  
3 TOLD THAT COUNTY COUNSEL HAS APPROVED IT, NOT TO WORRY ABOUT  
4 IT. I CALLED THE INVESTIGATIVE DEPARTMENT TO ASK THEM TO GIVE  
5 ME SOME DECISION ON IT. TO DATE, THEY HAVE NEVER CALLED ME AND  
6 NEVER INTERVIEWED ME. SUBSEQUENTLY, THAT PARTICULAR R.F.P. WAS  
7 CANCELED AND REISSUED THE SUMMER OF 2003. WE ATTENDED THE  
8 BITTERS CONFERENCE. WE WERE TOLD THAT THE WHOLE PROCESS OF THE  
9 R.F.P. HAD BEEN CHANGED, THAT THEY HAD A NEW EVALUATION  
10 PROCESS, THAT THEY WERE GOING TO USE IT IN A DIFFERENT WAY  
11 THIS TIME. WE WERE ALSO TOLD THAT IT WAS MANDATORY, THAT NOT  
12 ONLY DID WE ATTEND THE BITTERS CONFERENCE, THAT WE SIGNED IN  
13 WITH THE CONTRACT ADMINISTRATOR AT EVERY SITE THAT WE CHOSE TO  
14 BID ON AND THAT WE HAD TO GO ON THE MANDATORY PHYSICAL  
15 WALKTHROUGH. ONCE AGAIN AT RANCHO, PREMIER WERE LATE. THEY DID  
16 NOT SIGN IN FOR THAT R.F.P.-- I MEAN, FOR THAT PARTICULAR  
17 WALKTHROUGH AND THEY DID NOT GO ON THE WALKTHROUGH. THEY  
18 JOINED THE GROUP AT THE VERY END. ONCE AGAIN, AS A CONTRACTOR,  
19 I WAS FORCED TO STAND UP AND BE COURAGEOUS TO MENTION THIS. I  
20 WAS TOLD AND DISMISSED NOT TO WORRY ABOUT IT, THAT COUNTY  
21 COUNSEL HAD APPROVED IT. I CALLED THE INVESTIGATIVE OFFICE  
22 AGAIN. I WAS TOLD THAT I WAS GOING TO BE CALLED AND  
23 INTERVIEWED. I WAS GIVEN A NUMBER, AC-19. I WAS TOLD THAT THAT  
24 WAS GOING TO BE THE CODE USED TO INTERVIEW ME. TO DATE, THEY  
25 HAVE NOT CALLED. I HAVE LETTERS HERE DOCUMENTING THIS. I



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1 TALKED TO VALERIE ORANGE AT RANCHO AND ASKED HER. I TOLD HER,  
2 LOOK, I DON'T WANT THIS HELD AGAINST US BUT I THINK IT'S  
3 IMPORTANT THAT THE COUNTY PRACTICE FAIR R.F.P. PRACTICES. IT'S  
4 HAPPENED TWO YEARS IN A ROW. THIS IS SHOWING A PATTERN. I WAS  
5 TOLD NOT TO WORRY ABOUT IT BECAUSE THERE'S E-MAIL DOCUMENTING  
6 THE FACT THAT THEY DIDN'T SHOW UP AND THAT IT WAS GOING TO BE  
7 HANDLED. TO DATE, IT HAS NOT BEEN HANDLED. THEY'VE ISSUED IT,  
8 AT THE LAST MINUTE, YOU GUYS ARE EITHER GOING TO APPROVE IT OR  
9 DISMISS IT TODAY, BUT IT YET HAS TO BE INVESTIGATED. I WAS  
10 GIVEN A LETTER SAYING IT'S STILL BEING INVESTIGATED  
11 INTERNALLY. I HAVE YET TO BE CONTACTED. I'VE GOT DOCUMENTATION  
12 TO GIVE TO YOU. I SAY THIS TO YOU AS A WOMAN BUSINESS OWNER  
13 REPRESENTING MY MEN THAT, IN ORDER FOR YOU TO DO YOUR JOB,  
14 YOUR EMPLOYEES HAVE TO DO THEIR JOB. THEY HAVE TO BE FAIR  
15 ABOUT THE PROCESSES AND YOU CAN'T BE EVERYWHERE. THE FACTS  
16 NEED TO BE KNOWN AND EVEN THOUGH THERE'S OTHER ISSUES THAT ARE  
17 MORE IMPORTANT, MAYBE, THAN THIS ONE THAT PRECEDED THIS, THIS  
18 IS HOW THE JOB IS DONE AND THIS IS HOW FAIRNESS BY THEM  
19 FOLLOWING THE GUIDELINES IN THIS DOCUMENTATION. IT NEEDS TO BE  
20 CONSIDERED BEFORE YOU CONSIDER PASSING IT. SO I'D LIKE TO GIVE  
21 YOU THESE DOCUMENTATION AS PART OF MY DOCUMENTATION AND DUE  
22 DILIGENCE ON MY BEHALF AS A CONTRACTOR PARTNERING WITH THE  
23 COUNTY FOR OVER 15 YEARS. AND WE'VE BEEN GIVEN ACCOMMODATIONS.  
24 IT'S NOT ABOUT US GETTING THE CONTRACT. IT'S ABOUT FAIR



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1 BUSINESS PRACTICES AND ABOUT EMPLOYMENT FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS  
2 ANGELES.

3

4 **SUP. MOLINA:** ALL RIGHT. LET'S JUST-- COULD WE GET THE  
5 DEPARTMENT TO RESPOND? YOU DON'T NEED TO LEAVE YET.

6

7 **JANINE WATKINS:** OKAY.

8

9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** AREN'T YOU A SUCCESSFUL BIDDER?

10

11 **JANINE WATKINS:** YES BUT THE PROCESS HAS BEEN TAINTED.

12

13 **SUP. MOLINA:** YOU'RE THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER ON RANCHO OR ON THE  
14 OTHER ONE?

15

16 **JANINE WATKINS:** WELL, IF YOU LOOK AT THE DOCUMENTATION...

17

18 **SUP. MOLINA:** YOU'RE THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER ON WHICH...

19

20 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. WELL, I JUST-- YOU WANT TO-- YOU'VE  
21 BEEN AWARDED A CONTRACT AS PART OF THIS?

22

23 **JANINE WATKINS:** WELL, ONE OF THE CONTRACTS. BUT IF YOU LOOK AT  
24 HOW THEY'VE PUT IT TOGETHER, IT'S NOT CLEAR WHO GETS WHAT AND  
25 THE REASON WHY I BELIEVE IT'S BEEN DONE IS BECAUSE OF THE



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1 PRIOR PROCESS, THAT IT CONTINUES TO BE CLOUDED AND COVERED UP.  
2 THERE'S BEEN NO NOTIFICATION.

3

4 **SUP. MOLINA:** BUT, AT THE SAME TIME, EITHER THERE IS A PROCESS  
5 OR THERE ISN'T A PROCESS. AND THE ISSUE THAT I THINK YOU'RE  
6 SPEAKING TO IS THERE'S A PROCESS THAT THEY SAY THEY HAVE, BUT  
7 THEN THE ONE-- THIS OTHER PROCESS THAT CARRIES OUT THAT WE  
8 DON'T KNOW WHERE IT'S AT.

9

10 **JANINE WATKINS:** WHAT I'M SPEAKING TO IS THE CONTRACT  
11 ADMINISTRATOR WHO HANDLES THIS FROM BEGINNING TO END HAS  
12 TAINTED THIS PROCESS BY FAVORITISM AND PREFERENCE, AND BECAUSE  
13 YOUR EMPLOYEE CANNOT-- HAS SHOWN A PATTERN OF NOT HANDLING IT  
14 CORRECTLY, BE IT THROUGH HER INEXPERIENCE OR BE IT THROUGH  
15 INTENTION, THIS WHOLE PROCESS HAS BEEN TAINTED, AND THEY  
16 WAITED TO THE VERY END, WHEN THIS EITHER HAVE TO BE SENT OUT  
17 OR IT HAS TO GIVE EXTENSIONS TO PRESENT THIS TO YOU, AND IT  
18 JUST-- THE WHOLE PROCESS HAS BEEN TAINTED AS FAR AS I'M  
19 CONCERNED.

20

21 **SUP. BURKE:** WHAT I WANT TO GET CLEAR, IS IT YOU'RE QUESTIONING  
22 THE PROCESS AS IT RELATES TO ALL OF THE FACILITIES OR TO ONE?

23

24 **JANINE WATKINS:** ONE IS IN QUESTION BECAUSE IT HAPPENED TWO  
25 YEARS IN A ROW BUT THE PROCESS HAS BEEN TAINTED BECAUSE THE



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1 PERSON HANDLING THIS HAS SHOWN FAVORITISM TWO YEARS IN A ROW  
2 TO A CONTRACTOR. SO I DON'T KNOW WHETHER OR NOT THE WHOLE  
3 PROCESS HAS BEEN TAINTED BECAUSE, AT THE INCEPTION OF THIS,  
4 THEY HAVE-- ON BASIC ISSUES, OF TURNING IN THINGS ON TIME OR  
5 SHOWING UP AND SIGNING UP, WHERE THEY SAID IT WAS MANDATORY.  
6 IF YOU DID NOT SIGN, IF YOU DIDN'T SHOW UP, YOU WEREN'T GOING  
7 TO BE CONSIDERED.

8

9 **SUP. BURKE:** AND THE PLACE WHERE-- THEY DID NOT SIGN UP AT ANY  
10 OF THE FACILITIES OR AT RANCHO?

11

12 **JANINE WATKINS:** RANCHO. SOME OF THE OTHER ONES, THEY DID BUT,  
13 AT RANCHO, THEY DIDN'T.

14

15 **SUP. BURKE:** OKAY. SO I THINK THAT'S WHAT WE NEED TO GET A  
16 RESPONSE ON.

17

18 **FRED LEAF:** GOOD MORNING OR AFTERNOON, MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS OF  
19 THE BOARD. THIS MATTER WAS INVESTIGATED BY THE DEPARTMENT'S  
20 CONTRACTS GRANTS DIVISION AS WELL AS THE DEPARTMENT'S  
21 INSPECTION AND AUDIT DIVISION-- OR AUDIT AND COMPLIANCE, AS  
22 IT'S KNOWN NOW. THERE WERE TWO ALLEGATIONS. I MET PERSONALLY  
23 WITH MR. WATKINS, AS WELL AS A NUMBER OF HIS CORRESPONDENTS  
24 THAT CAME FROM MR. WATKINS. ONE WAS THAT THE VENDORS SUBMITTED  
25 THE PROPOSAL AFTER THE 5:00 P.M. DEADLINE, WHICH, AS MISS





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1 WATKINS JUST INDICATED, THERE WAS A PREVIOUS R.F.P., NOT THE  
2 ONE WE'RE TALKING ABOUT. THE SECOND ONE WAS THAT ANOTHER  
3 VENDOR IN THIS CASE, PREMIER, FAILED TO SHOW UP FOR THE  
4 MANDATORY WALKTHROUGH AT RANCHO. THE FACTS, AS THEY'VE BEEN  
5 DETERMINED BY THE AUDIT AND COMPLIANCE UNIT, ARE THAT THE TOUR  
6 WAS TO BEGIN AT 2:00. THE VENDORS, SEVERAL OF THEM SHOWED UP A  
7 LITTLE AFTER THE 2:00 TIME THAT THEY WERE SUPPOSED TO MEET  
8 THERE. THE TOUR STARTED AT 2:15. PREMIER, IN THIS CASE, CALLED  
9 EARLIER TO SAY THEY WERE RUNNING LATE BECAUSE THEY WERE IN  
10 TRAFFIC. THEY ARRIVED AT 2:18. AT THE RANCHO OFFICES. THE  
11 RANCHO STAFF, THERE WAS SOME CONFUSION THERE, THEY FINALLY  
12 HOOKED UP WITH THE TOUR AROUND 2:25, BETWEEN 2:25 AND 2:30.  
13 THEY WENT ON THE TOUR AND COMPLETED IT. IN WORKING WITH  
14 COUNSEL AS WELL AS LOOKING AT THE FACTS, THIS SITUATION  
15 DOESN'T APPEAR TO HAVE REPRESENTED ANYTHING THAT WOULD  
16 ELIMINATE THEM FROM COMPETITION BASED ON THE R.F.P.

17

18 **SUP. MOLINA:** WAIT A MINUTE...

19

20 **SUP. BURKE:** NOW THE INTERVIEW PORTION, YOU SAY YOU DID NOT--  
21 WERE NOT GRANTED AN INTERVIEW?

22

23 **JANINE WATKINS:** NO-- YEAH-- I CALLED UP AND I WAS GIVEN A  
24 NUMBER. THEY HAVE YET TO INTERVIEW ME. WHAT...

25



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1    **SUP. BURKE:** ON THIS ISSUE?

2

3    **JANINE WATKINS:** YES. THE OTHER THING IS...

4

5    **SUP. MOLINA:** SO HOW CAN YOU CLAIM TO HAVE ALL THE FACTS, FRED?

6

7    **FRED LEAF:** BECAUSE SHE HASN'T BEEN INTERVIEWED? I'M NOT AWARE  
8    OF THAT. THAT'S NEW INFORMATION TO ME IF SHE HASN'T BEEN.

9

10    **SUP. MOLINA:** SO, I MEAN, WOULDN'T...

11

12    **FRED LEAF:** I MEAN, THEY'VE REVIEWED THE FILES, THEY'VE  
13    REVIEWED THE SIGN-IN SHEETS. THEY REVIEWED...

14

15    **SUP. MOLINA:** SO THEN PREMIER DID SIGN IN?

16

17    **FRED LEAF:** YES, THEY ARRIVED AT 2:18.

18

19    **JANINE WATKINS:** NO, THEY DID NOT SIGN IN BECAUSE HIS CONTRACT  
20    ADMINISTRATOR HAD LEFT. PREMIER WAS THE ONLY ONE LATE AND YOU  
21    HAVE SEVEN OTHER CONTRACTORS THAT WITNESSED THAT.

22

23    **SUP. MOLINA:** DO YOU KNOW THAT THEY DID SIGN IN, FRED?

24

25    **FRED LEAF:** THEY HAVE INDICATED IT IN-- THAT THEY...



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2 **SUP. MOLINA:** WAIT. WHO IS "THEY"?

3

4 **FRED LEAF:** ...SIGNED IN AT 2:18.

5

6 **SUP. MOLINA:** WHO IS "THEY"? GRANTS OFFICE AND INSPECTION  
7 AUDITOR WHO REVIEWED THE

8

9 **FRED LEAF:** THE CONTRACTS AND GRANTS OFFICE AND INSPECTION  
10 AUDITOR, WHO REVIEWED THE MATERIAL.

11

12 **JANINE WATKINS:** THAT'S BLATANTLY NOT TRUE BECAUSE YOU HAVE  
13 OTHER PEOPLE THAN ME, ABOUT SEVEN OR EIGHT, INCLUDING THE  
14 ADMINISTRATOR AND HER BOSS, THAT KNEW THAT HE HAD NOT SIGNED  
15 IN BECAUSE SHE HAD DRIVEN AWAY.

16

17 **SUP. MOLINA:** FRED, IS THERE FAVORITISM GOING ON HERE? THIS  
18 CERTAINLY IS WHAT IT LOOKS LIKE. I THINK YOU HAVE A DUTY TO  
19 ASK...

20

21 **FRED LEAF:** NO, WE WILL CERTAINLY (INAUDIBLE) ADDITIONAL  
22 INFORMATION...

23

24 **SUP. MOLINA:** I HAVE NOT SEEN YOUR INVESTIGATION.

25



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1   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** WELL, HOW CAN YOU JUST SIT THERE AND SAY  
2   BLATANT FAVORITISM WHEN, IN FACT, YOU'VE GOT A LOSING BIDDER  
3   AND A WINNING BIDDER HERE AND, YOU KNOW, THAT'S ANOTHER SIDE  
4   OF THE FACTS RIGHT THERE.

5

6   **SUP. MOLINA:** WELL, IF YOU LOOK AT THE BIDS, PBS GOT 337,000.  
7   PBMS GOT 308,000. PBMS GOT 49,000. ENVIRONMENTAL MAINTENANCE  
8   COMPANY GOT 41,000. FOREST LANDSCAPE GOT 216. IT'S SORT OF  
9   FAIR. SHE GOT SOMETHING.

10

11   **JANINE WATKINS:** NO, NO, WE'RE NOT TALKING ABOUT-- I'M  
12   COMPETITIVE.

13

14   **>SUP. MOLINA:** SHE'S TALKING ABOUT-- I UNDERSTAND.

15

16   **JANINE WATKINS:** I CAN GET (INAUDIBLE) THIS PROCESS HAS BEEN  
17   TAINTED. IT'S BEEN TAINTED. WHAT IS BEING TOLD IS NOT TRUE.  
18   YOU'VE GOT DOCUMENTATION ON THE INTERNET THAT STATES IT  
19   BECAUSE VALERIE ORANGE CONTESTED THAT. WE WERE ALL PHYSICALLY  
20   THERE AND WITNESSED. I WAS PHYSICALLY THERE, THERE WERE OTHER  
21   PEOPLE PHYSICALLY THERE THAT WITNESSED THAT. FRED LEAF WAS NOT  
22   THERE. PAULA MORALES, WHO IS THE CONTRACT ADMINISTRATOR, HAD  
23   LEFT, SO SHE CAN'T TESTIFY TO IT. THEY DID NOT JOIN THE  
24   WALKTHROUGH UNTIL THE VERY END WHEN WE ENTERED THAT BUILDING,  
25   AND YOUR COUNTY EMPLOYEES AT RANCHO KNOWS THAT AND THERE IS



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1 FAVORITISM GIVEN. AND IT DOESN'T MATTER TO ME WHETHER OR NOT I  
2 GET THIS CONTRACT. AS A CITIZEN IN LOS ANGELES, IT'S MY  
3 RESPONSIBILITY TO BRING THIS TO YOUR ATTENTION SO YOU CAN  
4 EFFICIENTLY DO YOUR JOBS BECAUSE YOU'VE GOT A LOT TO  
5 ADMINISTER AND THAT'S THE REASON WHY I'M HERE. IT'S NOT EVEN  
6 ME ABOUT ME BEING ISSUED A CONTRACT BECAUSE I'VE BEEN DOING  
7 BUSINESS WITH YOU FOR OVER 15 YEARS AND I'VE BEEN GIVEN  
8 ACCOMMODATIONS BY YOUR FACILITIES. SO MY RECORD STANDS ON ITS  
9 OWN. THAT'S NOT TRUE. IT IS NO TRUE AND THAT'S NO DISRESPECT  
10 FOR MR. LEAF, BUT IT IS BLATANTLY NOT TRUE.

11

12 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** LET ME ASK YOU A QUESTION. IN THE PAST, FRED,  
15 WHENEVER THE R.F.P. WAS NOT SUBMITTED ON TIME, THERE WERE  
16 INELIGIBLE.

17

18 **JANINE WATKINS:** EXCUSE ME?

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I'M ASKING MR. LEAF. WHY WAS AN EXCEPTION  
21 MADE IF IT WAS NOT SUBMITTED ON TIME IN THIS CASE?

22

23 **FRED LEAF:** WELL, IN THIS CASE, IT WAS A CONTRACT FOR RANCHO, I  
24 THINK TWO YEARS AGO, AND IT WAS-- THAT PARTICULAR R.F.P. WAS  
25 CANCELED. AT THAT TIME.



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BUT WHY WOULD YOU ACCEPT A CONTRACTOR'S  
3 R.F.P. IF IT WAS LATE?

4

5 **FRED LEAF:** WELL, WE DIDN'T FIND ANY DOCUMENTATION THAT THERE  
6 WAS A LATE SUBMISSION.

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BUT HOW DO YOU KNOW THAT'S NOT TRUE?

9

10 **FRED LEAF:** BECAUSE THERE'S-- THE INDIVIDUAL RECEIVING THE  
11 PROPOSALS CLOCKS THEM IN.

12

13 **JANINE WATKINS:** IT'S HANDWRITTEN. NOW YOU HAVE RECEIPTS THAT  
14 ARE HANDWRITTEN.

15

16 **FRED LEAF:** WELL, I SAY, THEY...

17

18 **JANINE WATKINS:** THEY'RE HANDWRITTEN.

19

20 **FRED LEAF:** THERE'S NOT A CLOCK THERE. THEY DON'T STAMP BUT  
21 THERE IS A PERSON THERE TO RECEIVE IT AND NOTE THE TIME IT WAS  
22 RECEIVED.

23

24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BUT WHAT DOES THE STAMP INDICATE? NOT THE  
25 WRITTEN NOTIFICATION.





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2 **FRED LEAF:** WELL, THERE'S NOTATION AS TO WHEN IT'S RECEIVED BUT  
3 THIS PARTICULAR...

4

5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WELL, WHAT DOES THE TIME STAMP SAY ON THE  
6 PAPER?

7

8 **FRED LEAF:** I DON'T HAVE THE DETAIL OF THE DOCUMENTATION.

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHY DON'T YOU LOOK AT THE STAMP AND SEE IF IT  
11 COINCIDES WITH THE HAND TIME AS NOTED?

12

13 **FRED LEAF:** WELL, WE INVESTIGATED THE ISSUE OF THE INDIVIDUAL  
14 NOT ATTENDING THE WALKTHROUGH AND LOOKED TO SEE IF THERE WAS  
15 ANY INDICATION THAT, IN THIS R.F.P., THAT THERE WAS A LATE  
16 SUBMISSION. WE DETERMINED THERE WAS NOT IN THIS R.F.P. IN THE  
17 PREVIOUSLY R.F.P., THE ONE THAT SHE'S REFERENCING, THAT ONE  
18 WAS CANCELED AND REISSUED.

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BUT WAS IT CANCELED BECAUSE SOMEONE DIDN'T DO  
21 A WALKTHROUGH?

22

23 **FRED LEAF:** NO. ACTUALLY, IT WAS CANCELED AS A RESULT OF THE  
24 ACTIONS BEING TAKEN REGARDING RANCHO AND THE POTENTIAL CLOSURE  
25 OF RANCHO. THAT WAS FOR RANCHO.



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO HAD THE PERSON SHOWN UP FOR THE  
3 WALKTHROUGH AND RECEIVED THE CONTRACT, WHAT WOULD YOU HAVE  
4 DONE THEN? WELL, LET'S SAY, WHAT HAPPENS HAD YOU AWARDED THE  
5 CONTRACT PRIOR TO CANCELING IT?

6

7 **FRED LEAF:** WELL, IF WE'D HAVE AWARDED IT INAPPROPRIATELY, THEN  
8 WE WOULD HAVE HAD TO TAKE SOME ACTION TO REISSUE THE R.F.P.  
9 AND GO BACK THROUGH THE WHOLE PROCESS. IN THAT CASE, THOUGH,  
10 HOWEVER, WE'RE NOT AWARE OF ANY LATE SUBMISSIONS AND CERTAINLY  
11 THERE WAS NO R.F.P. OR CONTRACT ESTABLISHED AS A RESULT OF IT.

12

13 **SUP. BURKE:** YOU KNOW, I THINK THE BEST THING WOULD BE FOR US  
14 TO CONTINUE THIS AND FOR YOU TO BRING BACK ALL OF THE  
15 DOCUMENTATION.

16

17 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** I THINK AT LEAST...

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND ASK THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER TO LOOK INTO  
20 THIS.

21

22 **>SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** I THINK, AT LEAST...

23

24 **SUP. MOLINA:** AS A COURTESY-- WOULD YOU LISTEN TO HER SIDE OF  
25 THE FACTS? THERE MIGHT BE SOME VALUE THERE.



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2 **FRED LEAF:** ABSOLUTELY. ABSOLUTELY.

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4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** WE HAVE-- SOMEONE ELSE IS SIGNED UP FROM  
5 ANOTHER COMPETITOR BUT, BEFORE WE GET INTO THE HE SAID/SHE  
6 SAID, THIS COMPANY VERSUS THIS COMPANY, I THINK THE BEST THING  
7 WOULD BE TO DIRECT...

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9 **SUP. BURKE:** WELL, LET'S LISTEN TO THE OTHER COMPANY AT LEAST  
10 AND THEN CONTINUE IT.

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12 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** EXCUSE ME. GLORIA? I'M NOT TALKING ABOUT  
13 HER. I'M TALKING ABOUT ANOTHER INDIVIDUAL SIGNED UP. FEEL FREE  
14 TO COME FORWARD BUT I-- I MEAN, WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO?  
15 ARGUE IT OUT HERE? I THINK IT'S BETTER THAT WE GET THE  
16 INFORMATION, LOOK AT THE FACTS, THEY CAN TALK TO HER. THEY CAN  
17 TALK TO THIS OTHER INDIVIDUAL FROM THE ANOTHER COMPANY. SO,  
18 YOU KNOW, YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE THE TWO COMPETITORS UP HERE  
19 JUST SAYING ONE THING OVER THE OTHER, SO...

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21 **SUP. BURKE:** WELL, LET'S, AT LEAST, IF THEY'RE HERE...

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23 **SUP. MOLINA:** THAT'S RIGHT. AND WHO ARE WE SUPPOSED TO LISTEN  
24 TO IS OUR OWN DEPARTMENT, OKAY? AND WHO WE'RE SUPPOSED TO  
25 LISTEN AND TRUST IS OUR OWN DEPARTMENT. AND, IF OUR OWN



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1 DEPARTMENT DIDN'T EVEN INVESTIGATE THE PERSON THAT ASKED FOR  
2 AN INVESTIGATION, I HAVE A PROBLEM WITH THE REPORT. THAT'S MY  
3 BOTTOM LINE!

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5 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** WELL, UNTIL I KNOW THE FACTS, I'M NOT SURE  
6 THAT THAT'S NECESSARY BECAUSE YOU DON'T...

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8 **SUP. MOLINA:** THEY DON'T KNOW THE FACTS BECAUSE THEY HAVEN'T  
9 TAKEN THE TIME TO GET THEM FOR US.

10

11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** WELL, IT'S A DIFFERENCE OF OPINION. ANYWAY,  
12 MR. MACIAS, I GUESS IT IS, IF YOU WANT TO COME ON UP FORWARD.

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14 **JANINE WATKINS:** AM I DISMISSED? CAN I...

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16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** YES.

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18 **JANINE WATKINS:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

19

20 **MR. MACIAS:** HELLO. OKAY. THANK YOU FOR GIVING ME THE  
21 OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK, PLEASE. MY NAME IS IGNACIO MACIAS AND I  
22 REPRESENT PREMIER BUSINESS LANDSCAPE. AND WHILE I'VE BEEN OUT  
23 HERE AND SEE IS SOMETHING, YOU KNOW, I CAN'T BELIEVE THAT THIS  
24 HAPPENED BECAUSE WHILE REAL THE STORY IS OVER HERE I WORK FOR  
25 THIS COMPANY FOR THE LAST 14 YEARS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL



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1 MAINTENANCE AND I WAS A REPRESENTED THEM ALL THE TIME. SO I  
2 MOVED TO PREMIER, THEY OFFERED ME A GOOD JOB, A GOOD SALARY, A  
3 GOOD OPPORTUNITY, AND NOW WE HAVE STARTED GROWING IN THE  
4 BUSINESS AND WE PUT OUR BID, AND IT LOOKS LIKE THEY ARE, YOU  
5 KNOW, YOU CAN SEE THE ATTITUDE AND EVERYTHING. I JUST COME  
6 OVER HERE TO SAY I'VE BEEN ON TIME EVERYWHERE AND LOOKS LIKE  
7 IN THIS PLACE, RANCHO LOS AMIGOS, THEY TRIED TO LET THE PEOPLE  
8 FROM THE COUNTY GO BEFORE I MAKE IT OVER THERE. THANK YOU.

9

10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SO WE'LL DIRECT-- WE'RE GOING TO  
11 CONTINUE THE ITEM FOR A WEEK.

12

13 **SUP. BURKE:** DID YOU SIGN IN WHEN YOU GOT THERE?

14

15 **MR. MACIAS:** NO BECAUSE THE LADY THEY TELL TO MOVE-- I WAS  
16 PARKING AT 2:00 RIGHT THERE AT RANCHO LOS AMIGOS AND I SEND MY  
17 HELPER TO GO THERE AND THEY SAID, NO, THEY DON'T MAKE ME SIGN.  
18 SO LOOKED LIKE HOW THEY SENT IT-- LIKE, THEY CAN  
19 \_\_\_\_\_. EVERY OTHER CONTRACTOR, THEY KNOW. THEY WAS  
20 LEAVING ABOUT AND THEN WE STARTED WALKING BY THE \_\_\_\_\_  
21 AND THEY SAID TO THE LADY REPRESENT FROM RANCHO LOS AMIGOS,  
22 YOU CAN LET THAT WALK SO THEY COME BACK TO US AND THEN, OH,  
23 NO, YOU CAN COME, NO, YEAH, YOU CAN COME, SO THAT WAS BACK AND  
24 FORTH. WE WERE THERE AT 2:00 IN THE PARKING LOT OF THE RANCHO  
25 LOS AMIGOS.



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2 **SUP. MOLINA:** SO YOU DIDN'T SIGN IN? [ INDISTINCT VOICES ]

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4 **MR. MACIAS:** YEAH, BECAUSE THE LADY LOOKS LIKE SOMEONE SHOWED--

5 THEY HAVE TO LEAVE, SO MY HELPER, HE WAS FIRST BEFORE I GET

6 THERE, SO HE DON'T SIGN IT BECAUSE THE PAPER WAS GONE, THE

7 BOOK OR THE PAPER WHO WILL SIGN. AFTER THAT, THE LADY IN

8 CHARGE OF RANCHO LOS AMIGOS, SHE GAVE ME HER BUSINESS CARD,

9 AND SHE PUT THE TIME WHEN WE ARRIVE OVER THERE, SO, LIKE,

10 PROOF WE WERE THERE.

11

12 **SUP. BURKE:** DO YOU HAVE THAT?

13

14 **MR. MACIAS:** WE HAVE IT AT THE COMPANY, WE HAVE THAT BUSINESS

15 CARD WITH THE DATE AND IT IS SIGNED FROM HER, SHE SIGNED IT,

16 THEIR BUSINESS CARD.

17

18 **SUP. BURKE:** WHERE IS THE DEPARTMENT? I THINK WE SHOULD SEE

19 THAT, IF SHE SIGNED THE CARD.

20

21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** WELL, I THINK, IF WE JUST CONTINUE THE ITEM

22 FOR A WEEK, DON'T AWARD...

23

24 **SUP. BURKE:** IF WE LOOK AT THAT. WELL, HE SHOULD-- LET'S GET

25 SOME IDEA.





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2 **MR. MACIAS:** YEAH, WE CAN PROVIDE TO YOU THE COPIES OF THAT  
3 ONE. LET ME ASK MY BOSS. I DON'T THINK SHE HAVE IT RIGHT NOT  
4 BUT WE HAVE THAT BUSINESS CARD THAT SHE SIGNED.

5

6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** WELL, NO, WE'RE NOT-- NO. YOU DON'T NEED IT  
7 RIGHT NOW BUT...

8

9 **SUP. BURKE:** NO, NOT NOW. HE'S GOING TO...

10

11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** YOU'RE GOING TO VISIT WITH MS. WATKINS,  
12 YOU'RE GOING TO VISIT WITH THIS, GET THE CARD, DO WHAT YOU GOT  
13 TO DO BUT...

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ALSO, THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER OUGHT TO BE  
16 INVOLVED.

17

18 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THAT'S FINE.

19

20 **SUP. BURKE:** YEAH. HAVE THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER TAKE A LOOK AT  
21 IT.

22

23 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. ALL RIGHT. WE'LL CONTINUE THE ITEM  
24 THEN FOR TWO WEEKS AS LONG AS THERE'S NO TIME-- THAT WILL GIVE  
25 THEM TIME TO GET THE INVESTIGATION DONE. WE'RE NOT UP AGAINST



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1 THE CLOCK ON THIS, ARE WE? OKAY. SO WE'LL BE BACK IN TWO WEEKS  
2 WITH A REPORT BACK FROM THE DEPARTMENT AS WELL AS THE AUDITOR-  
3 CONTROLLER. THANK YOU.

4

5 **MR. MACIAS:** THANK YOU.

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ITEM 34?

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9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** YEAH, DID YOU CALL THAT UP WHEN YOU WERE...  
10 YOU DIDN'T CALL IT UP?

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I DIDN'T HAVE THAT. I WANT TO-- IF WE COULD  
13 HAVE CAROL GUNTER...

14

15 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. ITEM 34.

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** CAROL GUNTER.

18

19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** GO AHEAD, MIKE.

20

21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** QUESTION, A COUPLE WEEKS AGO, YOU HAD  
22 MENTIONED TO MY STAFF THAT THERE WERE MULTIPLE DISCUSSIONS  
23 BETWEEN E.M.S. AND THE CITY, THE FIRE, ALONG WITH THE COUNTY  
24 AND THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT TO SPLIT THE \$2.4 MILLION THREE



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1   WAYS, THAT WOULD BE 800,000 EACH. WHY IS THERE SUDDENLY A  
2   CHANGE IN REFERRING THIS BACK TO THE C.A.O.?

3

4   **CAROL GUNTER:** SUPERVISOR, THE INTENT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF  
5   HEALTH SERVICES AND THE E.M.S. AGENCY IS TO ENSURE THAT WE  
6   HAVE TRAUMA PATIENTS TRANSPORTED TO A TRAUMA CENTER. THE  
7   MEASURE B INDICATED THAT THE AREAS THAT WE DID NOT HAVE TRAUMA  
8   CENTERS, WE WOULD, AS AN ALTERNATE, USE HELICOPTER TRANSPORT  
9   AND ENHANCE THAT HELICOPTER TRANSPORT IN THE ANTELOPE AND SAN  
10   GABRIEL VALLEYS. WE HAD AN AGREEMENT AMONGST THE THREE PUBLIC  
11   PROVIDERS THAT PROVIDE E.M.S. AIR TRANSPORT SERVICES AND, VERY  
12   CLOSE TO THE LAST MINUTE, ONE OF OUR PROVIDERS FEELS THAT WE  
13   NEED TO DISCUSS THAT FURTHER.

14

15   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WELL, CAN MEASURE B FUNDS BE USED FOR PRE-  
16   HOSPITAL TRANSPORTATION OR GROUND TRANSPORTATION?

17

18   **CAROL GUNTER:** WELL, THE MEASURE B FUNDS SPECIFICALLY WERE, BY  
19   THE MOTION, ALLOCATED FOR AIR TRANSPORT.

20

21   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IF MEASURE B EXPANSION DOLLARS ARE ALLOCATED  
22   FOR PRE-HOSPITAL GROUND TRANSPORT FOR THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES,  
23   WOULD THE OTHER 30 FIRE DEPARTMENTS THAT ARE FIRST RESPONSE  
24   AGENCIES BE ELIGIBLE FOR THOSE DOLLARS? SANTA MONICA, COMPTON,  
25   LONG BEACH, PASADENA?



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2 **CAROL GUNTER:** I BELIEVE WE WOULD HAVE TO LOOK AT OFFERING  
3 THOSE FUNDS TO ALL THE PROVIDERS, IF IT WAS GROUND TRANSPORT  
4 THAT WE WERE FUNDING.

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THERE WAS A MUTUAL DISCUSSION BETWEEN COUNTY  
7 FIRE, CITY FIRE, AND THE SHERIFF ABOUT THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE  
8 DOLLARS. WHY SHOULD WE DELAY THE DISTRIBUTION IF THERE WAS A  
9 MUTUAL DISCUSSION BETWEEN THE THREE AGENCIES?

10

11 **CAROL GUNTER:** WELL, I MEAN, ALL I CAN SAY IS, OBVIOUSLY, THERE  
12 IS SOME UNRESOLVED ISSUES ON BEHALF OF AT LEAST ONE OF THE  
13 AGENCIES.

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THE GOOD PORTION OF THE SERVICE AREA IN THE  
16 SANTA CLARITA, SAN GABRIEL MOUNTAINS AND ANTELOPE VALLEY, IN  
17 ADDITION TO THE REST OF THE COUNTY, WOULDN'T THE \$800,000 FOR  
18 AIR FIVE INCREASE ITS DEPLOYMENT FROM FOUR TO SEVEN DAYS PER  
19 WEEK? AND WHY WOULD THAT NOT BE SUPPORTED AT THIS TIME?

20

21 **CAROL GUNTER:** IT'S THE GOAL OF THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT TO  
22 INCREASE THEIR SERVICE FROM FOUR TO SEVEN DAYS A WEEK, AND WE  
23 BELIEVE, AS THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT, THAT THAT COULD ADD  
24 ADDITIONAL SERVICE. AGAIN, OUR GOAL BEING GETTING EVERY TRAUMA  
25 PATIENT TO A TRAUMA CENTER.



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND WHILE THERE'S SOME DISCUSSIONS ABOUT THE  
3 FORMULA, THE AGREEMENTS THAT HAD BEEN FORTHCOMING BETWEEN THE  
4 VARIOUS PARTIES, 800,000 TO THE COUNTY FIRE, 800,000 TO THE  
5 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, IN MY OPINION, OUGHT TO MOVE FORWARD AND  
6 THEN REFER BACK TO THE C.A.O. THE L.A. CITY'S CONCERNS OVER  
7 TRANSPORT, AIR TRANSPORT VERSUS GROUND TRANSPORT WITH A REPORT  
8 BACK TO THE BOARD WITHIN A WEEK WITH THOSE RECOMMENDATIONS,  
9 WOULD BE MY RECOMMENDATION ON THIS MOTION.

10

11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** YES, ZEV?

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13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I THINK IT'S A LITTLE BIT MORE COMPLICATED  
14 THAN THAT. AND THE C.A.O. CAN SPEAK FOR HIMSELF BUT I'M GOING  
15 TO JUST SPEAK FOR A COUPLE OF PRINCIPLES. THERE IS THE ISSUE  
16 THAT THE L.A. CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT HAS RAISED, WHICH I DO  
17 THINK NEEDS TO BE RESPONDED TO, WHETHER-- HOW YOU RESPOND TO  
18 IT, I'LL LEAVE TO THE EXPERTS. I DID NOT THINK THE WAY IT WAS  
19 RESPONDED TO IN THIS ORIGINAL REPORT, IT LOOKED LIKE A  
20 CONVENIENT RESOLUTION TO A PROBLEM, JUST LET'S SPLIT IT THREE  
21 WAYS, AND I THINK THAT'S A TERRIBLE PRECEDENT FOR PROP B  
22 FUNDS. THAT'S NUMBER ONE. NUMBER TWO, I'M NOT AT ALL-- FIRST  
23 OF ALL, ON THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, WE DID NOT TALK ABOUT  
24 PROP B AS A SERVICE EXPANSION PROGRAM. WE TALKED-- PROPOSITION  
25 B AND THE FUNDS FOR THIS WAS TO PRESERVE THE EMERGENCY ROOMS



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1 OF THIS COUNTY, NOT JUST THE COUNTY HOSPITALS, BUT PRIVATES AS  
2 WELL, AND THE TRAUMA NETWORK. THE BULK OF THESE FUNDS ARE  
3 GOING INTO E.R.S AND INTO OUR HEALTH SYSTEM, NOT INTO THE FIRE  
4 DEPARTMENT AND NOT INTO THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. THE PURPOSE  
5 OF THE FUNDING, AS I UNDERSTOOD IT, FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT,  
6 WAS TO EXPAND THE SERVICE, THE TRAUMA CARE SERVICE TO THE  
7 AREAS WHICH HAD HOLES IN THEM AND WHERE WE WERE GOING TO  
8 RESTORE THEM TO THE LEVEL THAT IT WOULD BE HAD THERE BEEN A  
9 TRAUMA CENTER THERE, THE EAST SAN GABRIEL-- EAST CENTRAL, SAN  
10 GABRIEL VALLEY, THE POMONA VALLEY, AND THE ANTELOPE VALLEY.  
11 THOSE ARE THE THREE AREAS. AND THEY'RE BEING HANDLED-- ALL OF  
12 THIS IS HANDLED-- I SPOKE TO THE FIRE CHIEF YESTERDAY,  
13 FREEMAN, AND I SPOKE TO YOU YESTERDAY ALSO WHEN WE MET, THIS  
14 IS-- NOTHING IN THIS ACTION ONE WAY OR THE OTHER WOULD RETARD  
15 THE PROVISION OF THOSE SERVICES, IS THAT CORRECT, TO ANY OF  
16 THESE THREE AREAS?

17

18 **CAROL GUNTERER:** NO, AND REMEMBER, NUMBER ONE WOULD BE TO GET A  
19 TRAUMA HOSPITAL UP.

20

21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OF COURSE. BUT, IN THE ABSENCE OF ONE,  
22 ESPECIALLY IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY, THAT'S A PROBLEM, AT LEAST  
23 FOR THE TIME BEING. THAT'S GOING TO BE COVERED AND WAS COVERED  
24 AS RECENTLY AS THIS WEEKEND, I GUESS, THE LAST COUPLE OF DAYS  
25 WITH THE UNFORTUNATE DROWNING AT CASTAIC LAKE. SO THAT'S THE





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1 SECOND THING. BEFORE WE TALK ABOUT EXPANDING SERVICE, WHICH  
2 IS, TO ME, WHAT THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT PIECE OF THIS IS,  
3 IT'S AN EXPANSION OF SERVICE, WE ALL AGREE THAT THAT'S-- IT  
4 GOES BEYOND WHAT THEY'VE EVER DONE BEFORE. THAT'S A DIFFERENT  
5 STORY AND THAT'S SOMETHING THAT I WOULD URGE YOU TO LOOK AT AS  
6 WELL WHEN YOU TAKE A LOOK AT THIS, NOT JUST THE CITY OF L.A.  
7 PIECE OF THIS AND THE OTHER CITIES AND THE IMPLICATIONS FOR  
8 THAT, BUT EVERY DEPARTMENT OF THIS COUNTY, SEVERAL DEPARTMENTS  
9 OF THIS COUNTY THAT HAVE HELICOPTERS OR THAT ARE REMOTELY  
10 CONCERNED WITH HEALTH HAVE EYED THIS, PRIVATE AND PUBLIC  
11 SECTOR, HAVE EYED THIS FUND, AND I THINK IT'S REALLY IMPORTANT  
12 THAT THIS BOARD, ESPECIALLY IN LIGHT OF WHAT WE KNOW IS COMING  
13 IN A YEAR AND A HALF, HUSBAND THESE FUNDS VERY CAREFULLY  
14 BECAUSE WHAT WE HAVE TODAY, WE MAY NOT HAVE A YEAR AND A HALF  
15 FROM NOW, AND WE'RE GOING TO NEED EVERY NICKEL. WE'RE NOT  
16 GOING BACK TO THE VOTERS FOR MORE MONEY AND WE'RE GOING TO  
17 NEED EVERY NICKEL FOR THE SERVICES FOR WHICH WE ASKED THE  
18 VOTERS TO ASSESS THEMSELVES. WE DIDN'T ASK THEM TO ASSESS  
19 THEMSELVES FOR PART OF AERO BUREAU AND THE SHERIFF'S  
20 DEPARTMENT, AS FAR AS I KNOW. IT WOULD BE NICE IF WE COULD  
21 AFFORD IT AND MAYBE WE OUGHT TO CONSIDER IT IN JUNE WHEN WE GO  
22 INTO OUR BUDGET SESSION, BUT NOT OUT OF PROP B, I WOULDN'T  
23 RECOMMEND IT, AND AT LEAST NOT ON TODAY'S FACTS. AND I THINK  
24 EVERYBODY IS TRYING TO-- AND YOU CAN BEGIN TO SEE THAT  
25 EVERYBODY'S GOING TO START TO PIGGYBACK, NOT JUST THE SHERIFF,



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1 BUT MUNICIPAL FIRE DEPARTMENT. I CAN SEE IT HAPPENING, AND  
2 THEY HAVE A GOOD CASE TO MAKE. THEIR CITIZENS ARE PAYING. WHY  
3 SHOULDN'T IT BE USED FOR AMBULANCE SERVICE IN BEVERLY HILLS?  
4 WHY SHOULDN'T THE CITY OF SANTA MONICA BE ABLE TO GET A PIECE  
5 OF THIS FOR AMBULANCE SERVICE IN SANTA MONICA, FOR PRE-  
6 HOSPITAL TREATMENT, FOR PRE-TRAUMA HOSPITALIZATION? BUT THAT'S  
7 NOT WHAT WE SOLD THIS AS. THAT'S NOT WHAT THE MEASURE WAS  
8 ADVERTISED AS TO THE PEOPLE. I THINK IT WAS A MAINTENANCE OF  
9 SERVICE, IT WAS THE PRESERVATION OF THE EXISTING SYSTEM, E.R.  
10 AND TRAUMA SYSTEM, NOT A MASSIVE EXPANSION WHICH WOULD THEN  
11 LEAVE OUR EXISTING SYSTEM JUST AS VULNERABLE AS IT WAS BEFORE  
12 WE EVER APPROVED THIS, AND THAT'S BEEN-- THAT'S BEEN MY  
13 CONCERN ABOUT THIS. SO, MR. JANSSEN, I WOULD ASK THAT, AS YOU  
14 LOOK AT THIS IN TERMS OF THE OTHER CITIES, CITY OR CITIES,  
15 THAT YOU ALSO LOOK AT SOME OF THESE OTHER QUESTIONS BECAUSE,  
16 WITHIN OUR OWN COUNTY FAMILY, I THINK WE NEED TO BE SURE WE'RE  
17 ALL SINGING FROM THE SAME HYMN BOOK AS WELL. SO I'M NOT  
18 SUPPORTING APPROVING ANY PIECE OF THIS NUMBER ONE OR TWO  
19 TODAY. AND I DON'T KNOW WHETHER YOU CAN BRING IT BACK, I'M NOT  
20 GOING TO BE HERE IN A WEEK, BUT I DON'T KNOW IF YOU CAN BRING  
21 IT BACK IN TWO WEEKS. I THINK IT'S-- WHENEVER YOU'RE READY TO  
22 BRING IT BACK, I THINK YOU SHOULD BRING IT BACK AS SOON AS  
23 POSSIBLE, BUT THAT'S MY...

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1   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** HOW LONG, WHEN THIS IS APPROVED, CAN IT BE  
2   IMPLEMENTED?

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4   **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** WHAT IS THAT?

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6   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THE SERVICE THAT WE'RE DISCUSSING TODAY.

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8   **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** IT'S ALREADY BEING PROVIDED, EXCEPT FOR THE  
9   SHERIFF'S EXPANSION. MR. CHAIRMAN, SUPERVISOR, WE'RE TALKING  
10   ABOUT A REIMBURSEMENT THIS YEAR, NOT ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW  
11   PROGRAM, AND THIS MAY BE SOMETHING WE WANT TO TAKE A LOOK AT  
12   IN THE BUDGET FOR NEXT YEAR. THE CONCERN I HAD, AND IT WAS-- I  
13   WILL ABSOLUTELY ADMIT IT WAS LATE COMING BECAUSE IT WAS PUT ON  
14   THE BOARD WITH A RECOMMENDATION AS A POLICY TO SUPPORT, IS  
15   THAT THE REIMBURSEMENT SHOULD, FIRST AND FOREMOST, BE TO  
16   PEOPLE THAT ARE PROVIDING A SERVICE. THE BOARD ALLOCATED \$2  
17   MILLION OF THESE MONEYS FOR A HELICOPTER FOR THE FIRE  
18   DEPARTMENT TO EXPAND OR IMPROVE SERVICES IN THE ANTELOPE  
19   VALLEY. RIGHT? WELL, FRANKLY, THE SHERIFF'S REQUEST TO EXPAND  
20   SERVICES IN EAST SAN GABRIEL VALLEY MAY HAVE SOME MERIT, BUT  
21   AN EQUAL ALLOCATION DOESN'T SMACK TO ME OF HAVING DONE A  
22   REALLY GOOD ANALYSIS OF WHERE THE NEEDS ARE AND HOW YOU CAN  
23   IMPROVE THE SERVICE AS THE VOTERS WANT OR MAINTAIN, CERTAINLY  
24   MAINTAIN AND IMPROVE, IF POSSIBLE. ANTELOPE VALLEY HELICOPTER,  
25   SEEMS TO ME, OUGHT TO BE STAFFED. THAT OUGHT TO BE THE FIRST



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1 PRIORITY. I MEAN, WE GAVE THEM A HELICOPTER, FUNDED A  
2 HELICOPTER. HE NEEDS PEOPLE TO OPERATE THE HELICOPTER TO SERVE  
3 THE ANTELOPE VALLEY. I DON'T KNOW WHAT THAT COSTS. IF IT COSTS  
4 A MILLION DOLLARS, WELL, THEN, THE SHERIFF AND CITY FIRE MAY  
5 NOT BE TOO HAPPY BUT, YOU KNOW, WE'RE KIND OF PREGNANT ON  
6 ANTELOPE VALLEY AND IT'S AN IMPORTANT DISTINCTION. IN ANY  
7 EVENT, THAT'S WHY I'M ASKING THAT IT BE SENT TO OUR OFFICE TO  
8 WORK WITH ALL OF THE PARTIES TO SEE IF WE CAN COME UP WITH A  
9 FORMULA THAT BETTER REPRESENTS WHAT IS HAPPENING IN THESE  
10 AREAS AND, IF NECESSARY AND AFFORDABLE, AN EXPANSION IN THE  
11 EAST SAN GABRIEL VALLEY, IF THAT'S-- YOU KNOW, IF CAROL AND  
12 THE SHERIFF AND FIRE BELIEVE THAT-- AND WE CAN AFFORD IT, THEN  
13 WE'LL COME BACK WITH THAT RECOMMENDATION.

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND WHAT IS YOUR TIME LINE FOR THAT REVIEW?

16

17 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** SINCE IT IS REIMBURSEMENT FOR THIS YEAR, I  
18 DON'T PERSONALLY HAVE A PROBLEM PUTTING THAT 2.4 MILLION IN  
19 RESERVE FOR MEASURE B AND DEALING WITH IT AS A BUDGET ISSUE  
20 FOR NEXT YEAR, FOR '05/'06, AND THAT'S WHAT I WOULD SUGGEST.  
21 SO WE DO IT IN DELIBERATIONS IN JUNE.

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHAT IS YOUR TIME LINE IN COMING BACK TO THE  
24 BOARD?

25



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1   **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** END OF JUNE, LAST WEEK OF JUNE, DURING  
2   DELIBERATIONS.

3

4   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO WE'RE LOOKING AT FOUR WEEKS, FIVE WEEKS?

5

6   **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** ABOUT FOUR WEEKS, A MONTH, RIGHT.

7

8   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHAT IS YOUR TAKE ON THAT?

9

10   **CAROL GUNTER:** WELL, YOU KNOW, ONE OF THE THINGS WE KNOW IS  
11   THAT FIRE DEPARTMENTS OFTENTIMES HAVE TO FIGHT FIRES, SO I  
12   SUPPORT ANYTHING THAT GETS OUR PATIENTS TO TRAUMA CENTERS. AND  
13   SO, IF THAT'S THE SHERIFF BEING UP SEVEN DAYS A WEEK, I MEAN,  
14   THAT'S JUST THE GOAL OF THE E.M.S. AGENCY AND THE HEALTH  
15   DEPARTMENT IS TO GET THE TRAUMA VICTIMS TO THE TRAUMA CENTERS,  
16   HOWEVER THAT CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED.

17

18   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** BUT YOU WOULDN'T WANT US PAYING TWICE FOR  
19   THE SAME SERVICE, WOULD YOU?

20

21   **CAROL GUNTER:** NO, BUT SOMETIMES BACKUP IS NECESSARY.

22

23   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WE HAVE BACKUP NOW, I MEAN, WE HAVE QUITE A  
24   BIT. AS CHIEF PAMATRE OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES HAS OFTEN  
25   POINTED OUT TO ME AND AS WE POINTED OUT TO HIM, WE HAVE MUTUAL



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1 AID, WE BACK EACH OTHER UP, AND WE DON'T CHARGE EACH OTHER FOR  
2 IT. RIGHT? SO, ANYWAY, BUT IF MR. ANTONOVICH IS AMENDING HIS  
3 MOTION TO THE JUNE BUDGET DELIBERATIONS, THEN I WILL SECOND  
4 HIS MOTION TO HAVE THE REPORT BACK BY THEN. IS THAT ALL RIGHT?

5

6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY.

7

8 **CAROL GUNTER:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISORS.

9

10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** DO YOU WANT IT TO GO TO THE BUDGET  
11 DELIBERATIONS?

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** FOUR WEEKS.

14

15 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** FOUR WEEKS.

16

17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHEN IS THE BUDGET DELIBERATIONS? IS IT ON A  
18 TUESDAY?

19

20 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** IT'S GOING TO BE THE 21ST.

21

22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IS THAT FIVE WEEKS? JUST DO IT FOR THAT DAY.  
23 TAKE IT ALL UP TOGETHER WITH EVERYTHING ELSE.

24

25 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY.





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2 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** ONLY RECOMMENDATIONS ONE AND TWO. THE REST OF  
3 IT NEEDS TO GO-- THE REST OF THE BOARD LETTER NEEDS TO GO  
4 FORWARD.

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6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I MOVE THE REST OF THE BOARD LETTER EXCEPT  
7 FOR ONE AND TWO, AND I MOVE THAT ITEM ONE AND TWO-- I'M NOT  
8 GOING TO MOVE. HE ALREADY DID.

9

10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. IT'S BEEN MOVED AND SECONDED.  
11 ANY OBJECTIONS? SO ORDERED. ALL RIGHT. ZEV?

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN. I ALSO WANT TO JOIN  
14 ON ADJOURNING IN MEMORY OF TONY RANDALL AND I ALSO ASK THAT WE  
15 ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF NICHOLAS BERG, WHO WAS THE AMERICAN  
16 CITIZEN WHO WAS TRAGICALLY KILLED IN IRAQ, BAGHDAD, IN AN ACT  
17 OF BRUTAL TERRORISM. ASK THAT ALL MEMBERS JOIN ME ON THAT.

18

19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** ALL MEMBERS.

20

21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I DON'T THINK I'M HOLDING ANYTHING ELSE. I  
22 AM? OH, I'M SORRY. JOHN, ARE YOU STILL... OH, I'M SORRY WE'VE  
23 KEPT YOU WAITING HERE ALL THIS TIME. ASK MAYOR DURAN OF WEST  
24 HOLLYWOOD HAS ASKED TO BE HEARD ON ITEM 33, AND I-- COME ON



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1 UP, JOHN, AND, SINCE WE'VE MADE YOU SIT THERE, WE'LL GIVE YOU  
2 SOME EXTRA TIME ON MY TIME. WELCOME.

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4 **MAYOR DURAN:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS  
5 JOHN DURAN, I'M CURRENTLY SERVING AS THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF  
6 WEST HOLLYWOOD. I'M HERE TODAY TO ADDRESS YOU ABOUT H.I.V. AND  
7 A.I.D.S. FUNDING. THERE ARE FOUR ELECTED OFFICIALS IN THE  
8 UNITED STATES WHO ARE H.I.V. POSITIVE: TWO IN CALIFORNIA AND  
9 TWO IN NEW YORK. I AM ONE OF THE TWO CALIFORNIANS IN THIS  
10 STATE. BOTH OF US, ACTUALLY, ARE HERE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY,  
11 MYSELF IN ZEV'S DISTRICT AND ONE IN THE FOURTH DISTRICT. I WAS  
12 TOLD, MANY YEARS AGO BY MY PHYSICIANS, THAT I PROBABLY WOULD  
13 NOT LIVE TO SEE THE NEW MILLENNIUM. HERE WE ARE IN 2004, AND I  
14 AM STILL HERE, AND THAT IS THE RESULT OF THE LIFESAVING DRUGS  
15 AND COCKTAIL TREATMENTS THAT EXIST THAT I'VE BEEN ABLE TO  
16 OBTAIN. MY CITY COUNCIL BODY, THE FIVE OF US, JUST WATCHING  
17 YOU ALL PERFORM THIS MORNING, IT'S VERY SIMILAR. WE LISTEN AND  
18 WE DEBATE AND, AS POLICYMAKERS, ONE OF THE THINGS THAT WE'RE  
19 DOING RIGHT NOW WITH OUR BUDGET IS FIGURING OUT HOW TO  
20 TRANSFER AND SHIFT FUNDS IN ORDER TO MEET THE NEEDS THAT ARE  
21 VERY IMPORTANT TO OUR COMMUNITY. SO I KNOW A LOT ABOUT  
22 QUANTIFYING IN TERMS OF THIS HUNDRED THOUSAND OR THAT MILLION  
23 OR MOVING THIS MONEY HERE OR TAKING IT FROM THERE, AND I CAN  
24 QUANTIFY THOSE DOLLARS AGAIN IN PROVISION OF SOCIAL SERVICES  
25 AND LAW ENFORCEMENT, INFRASTRUCTURE AND CAPITAL WITHIN OUR



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1 CITY. BUT THE ONE THING THAT IS VERY DIFFICULT FOR ME TO  
2 QUANTIFY IN TERMS OF DOLLARS AND CENTS IS WATCHING THE BIRTH  
3 OF MY NEWEST NIECE, JUST A FEW YEARS AGO, ATTENDING THE HIGH  
4 SCHOOL GRADUATION OF MY NEPHEW, GOING TO THE HOLLYWOOD BOWL  
5 FOR YET ONE MORE EVENING SYMPHONY. THOSE SORT OF ISSUES, I  
6 CAN'T QUANTIFY AND PUT A DOLLAR FIGURE ON. I ALSO CAN'T REALLY  
7 QUANTIFY THE DIFFERENCE THAT IT MAKES TO SORT OF STILL BE  
8 HERE. MY COLLEAGUES AND I JUST APPROVED SENIOR CITIZEN HOUSING  
9 FOR 35 SENIORS AND WE JUST PUT UP A WEST HOLLYWOOD ALCOHOL AND  
10 DRUG RECOVERY CENTER. NOW, I SUPPOSE IT'S POSSIBLE THOSE  
11 THINGS WOULD HAVE HAPPENED EVEN IF I HAD NOT BEEN HERE BUT THE  
12 REALITY IS IT THEY DID HAPPEN BECAUSE MY COLLEAGUES AND I ARE  
13 HERE. I'M URGING THE BOARD TO PLEASE CONSIDER LOOKING AT THE  
14 SURPLUS IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES AND CONSIDER  
15 TRANSFERRING THOSE FUNDS IN ORDER TO MEET THE SHORTFALL THAT'S  
16 GOING TO EXIST IN TITLE ONE MONEYS THAT WE, INSTEAD OF LOOKING  
17 AT FLAT FUNDING FOR H.I.V./A.I.D.S., THAT WE INSTEAD TRY TO  
18 KEEP PACE WITH THE NEW LEVELS OF INFECTIONS ACROSS THE COUNTY.  
19 THIS BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES HAVE  
20 NEVER SHIRKED FROM OUR RESPONSIBILITY ON H.I.V. AND A.I.D.S.  
21 IN THE PAST 25 YEARS AND, ALTHOUGH WE'VE DISAGREED ON VARIOUS  
22 ISSUES, ULTIMATELY WE'VE ALWAYS PULLED THROUGH AS A TEAM  
23 ACROSS THE COUNTY. I LOOK FORWARD TO THE DAY THAT SOME DAY IN  
24 THE LOS ANGELES TIMES, IN BIG, BLACK, BOLD, THREE-INCH  
25 LETTERS, I WILL READ, "A.I.D.S. OVER." I KNOW THAT DAY WILL



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1 OCCUR SOME DAY IN MY LIFETIME AND I LOOK FORWARD TO THAT DAY,  
2 AS I AM SURE ALL OF YOU DO. "PLAGUE" IS ONE OF THOSE HUMAN  
3 CONDITIONS THAT THEY SAY CHANGES EVERYTHING IN TERMS OF  
4 POLITICS AND CULTURE AND I BELIEVE THAT'S OCCURRING. IT'S ONE  
5 OF THE WORST OF HUMAN CONDITIONS BUT IT ALSO GIVES US THE  
6 OPPORTUNITY TO SHOW THE BEST OF HUMANITY, OUR GOD GIVEN TRAITS  
7 OF COMPASSION AND DETERMINATION AND BRAVERY, DESPITE THE ONSET  
8 OF PLAGUE. SO, WITH THAT, I WOULD URGE YOU TO PLEASE CONSIDER  
9 THIS REQUEST AND I WANTED TO THANK YOU AGAIN FOR YOUR  
10 CONTINUING WORK ON H.I.V. AND A.I.D.S. ACROSS THE COUNTY OF  
11 LOS ANGELES. THANK YOU, SIR.

12

13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR.

14

15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MR. CHAIRMAN, THAT'S ALL I HAVE. I THINK WE  
16 HAVE THAT ITEM. I'LL MOVE ITEM 33.

17

18 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. THE  
19 CHAIR WILL SECOND. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. IS THAT THE  
20 AGENDA, I BELIEVE?

21

22 **SUP. BURKE:** DID I DO MY ADJOURNMENTS?

23

24 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** EXCUSE ME, I'M SORRY, YOU DIDN'T. I'M  
25 SORRY, YVONNE.



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2 **SUP. BURKE:** I MOVE THAT, WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN

3 MEMORY OF HARVEY LEHMAN, WHO WAS THE FORMER VICE-PRESIDENT OF

4 EXTERNAL AFFAIRS FOR SONY ENTERTAINMENT AND BOARD SECRETARY OF

5 THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR THE WATTS/WILLOWBROOK BOYS AND

6 GIRLS CLUB. HE WAS MARRIED TO KAREN LEHMAN AND THEY HAD TWO

7 SONS, JONATHAN AND CHRISTOPHER, WHO WERE BOTH EAGLE SCOUTS. HE

8 WAS A LOYAL MEMBER OF ALPHA PHI ALPHA FRATERNITY AND A MEMBER

9 OF THE PHILHARMONIC BOARD OF DIRECTORS. IDA FLINT, WHO PASSED

10 AWAY MAY 12TH IN ANAHEIM HILLS AT THE AGE OF 87. SHE LEAVES TO

11 CHERISH HER MEMORY HER SON, DAVID FLINT, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF

12 THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY, AND ROY FLINT AND WIFE,

13 JOANNE THREE GRANDCHILDREN, ONE GREAT-GRANDSON AND HER SISTER,

14 LAVINIA LITTLE. BRYAN LOCKLEY, AN 11-YEAR-OLD SIXTH GRADER AT

15 BRET HARTE MIDDLE SCHOOL WHO WAS SHOT AND KILLED AND WHOSE

16 BODY WAS FOUND IN A TRASH BIN NEAR HIS SOUTH LOS ANGELES HOME

17 ON SUNDAY, MAY 16TH. HE LOVED HANGING AROUND THE NEIGHBORHOOD

18 AND PLAYING BASKETBALL. HIS MOTHER HAD JUST COMPLETED AND

19 GRADUATED FROM HER SUBSTANCE ABUSE PROGRAM AND HAD FOUND WORK.

20 SHE WAS LOOKING FORWARD TO BEING THE MOTHER SHE WAS MEANT TO

21 BE FOR HER ONLY SON. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS GRANDPARENTS,

22 MILDRED LOCKLEY PICKEN AND WILLIE PICKEN, WHO WERE RAISING

23 BRYAN, AND HIS MOTHER, FRANCINE LOCKLEY. OF COURSE, THIS IS A

24 VERY UNFORTUNATE SITUATION WHERE HIS COUSIN IS THE ONE BEING

25 HELD FOR HIS MURDER. KHELCEY BARRS, A 16-YEAR-OLD STAR



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1 BASKETBALL PLAYER FOR LUCINGER HIGH SCHOOL IN LAWNSDALE. HE HAD  
2 JUST FINISHED PLAYING A GREAT GAME WHEN HE COLLAPSED AND WAS  
3 TAKEN TO CENTINELA HOSPITAL MEDICAL CENTER IN INGLEWOOD WHERE  
4 HE DIED ON MAY 11TH. THE CAUSE OF DEATH WILL NOT BE KNOWN  
5 UNTIL AUTOPSY IS COMPLETED. HE WAS A 6'6" SOPHOMORE WHO HAD  
6 JUST CLEARED A PHYSICAL THREE WEEKS AGO. THE STUDENTS AND  
7 FACULTY ARE IN SHOCK. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS MOTHER, MONA  
8 TRUST, AND HIS GREAT-GRANDMOTHER, RETHA FINKS, WHO PLAYED A  
9 BIG PART IN HIS UPBRINGING. VONNY HILTON SWEENEY, WHO PASSED  
10 AWAY MAY 10TH. SHE WAS THE PUBLIC RELATIONS DIRECTOR FOR JAMES  
11 BROWN AND CURRENT EDITOR OF TRUTH MAGAZINE. SHE IS SURVIVED BY  
12 HER SON, HOWARD SWEENEY AND HER GRANDDAUGHTER, JADE SWEENEY,  
13 STEPSON JUSTIN MCCARTHY, HER BROTHER, WALTER THOMPSON AND  
14 SISTERS: ROSE, ALMA KING AND BARBARA BROWN AND A HOST OF  
15 FAMILY AND FRIENDS. MARY MIYASHITA. SHE PASSED AWAY APRIL 25TH  
16 AT THE AGE OF 83, A MAJOR FUNDRAISER AND CAMPAIGNER FOR THE  
17 DEMOCRATIC PARTY FOR MORE THAN A HALF CENTURY. SHE OFTEN  
18 ENTERTAINED AS MANY AS A THOUSAND DEMOCRATS AT FUNDRAISERS IN  
19 HER WITTIER BACKYARD. SHE WAS A DELEGATE TO EIGHT DEMOCRATIC  
20 NATIONAL CONVENTIONS FROM '72 TO 2000, WATCHING ASIAN-AMERICAN  
21 PARTICIPANTS RISE FROM A HANDFUL OF DELEGATES TO NEARLY 300.  
22 SHE WAS THE LIFELONG FRIEND OF THE KENNEDY FAMILY AND WORKED  
23 FOR PRESIDENT KENNEDY-- PRESIDENT CLINTON'S REELECTION.  
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1    **SUP. MOLINA:** I WOULD LIKE TO BE JOINED ON THAT. SHE WAS AN  
2    UNBELIEVABLE CHEERLEADER FOR OUR SIDE.

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4    **SUP. BURKE:** I THINK THE LAST CONVENTION SHE ATTENDED IN A  
5    WHEELCHAIR AND THEY ROLLED HER UP IN FRONT BUT SHE WAS AT  
6    EVERYTHING. CHARLES G. MEIGS, SR., WHO PASSED AWAY ON SUNDAY,  
7    MAY 9TH AT THE AGE OF 89. HE'S THE LOVING FATHER OF INGLEWOOD  
8    SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE, JOHN MEIGS. FOLLOWING HIS 33-YEAR  
9    RETIREMENT WITH L.A.U.S.D. AS AREA MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR, HE  
10    MOVED TO PARIS, CALIFORNIA. HE LEAVES TO CHERISH HIS MEMORY  
11    HIS WIFE OF 62 YEARS, THEIR SEVEN CHILDREN, NINE  
12    GRANDCHILDREN, FIVE GREAT- GRANDCHILDREN AND A HOST OF NIECES,  
13    NEPHEWS, RELATIVES, AND FRIENDS. FINALLY, MICHAEL CAVELL  
14    MURRAY, WHO WAS A LONG-TIME RESIDENT OF THE SECOND DISTRICT  
15    AND BELOVED SON OF ANDREW AND ETHYL MURRAY. MICHAEL DIED OF A  
16    HEART ATTACK ON MAY 13TH. THAT CONCLUDES MY ADJOURNMENTS.

17

18    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** SO ORDERED. OKAY. ANY OTHER-- OKAY. IF NOT,  
19    PUBLIC COMMENTS. SONYA MCCARDO-- MCCADDON AND VERONICA GARCIA.  
20    OKAY. I GUESS THEY'RE NOT HERE. OKAY. PARDON ME? [ INDISTINCT  
21    VOICE ]

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23    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. WHICH...

24

25    **VERONICA GARCIA:** [ SPEAKING SPANISH ]



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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO GET A TRANSLATOR.  
3 HANG ON. WHAT IS YOUR NAME?

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5 **VERONICA GARCIA:** YES, VERONICA GARCIA.

6

7 **SPEAKER:** CAN YOU INTERPRET?

8

9 **INTERPRETER:** YES, SIR.

10

11 **VERONICA GARCIA:** (SPEAKING SPANISH).

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13 **INTERPRETER:** MY NAME IS VERONICA GARCIA AND I WORK AS A  
14 HOUSEKEEPER IN HARBOR U.C.L.A. THANK YOU FOR GIVING ME THE  
15 OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK WITH YOU TODAY. SO WE'RE HERE TODAY FOR  
16 THE EXECUTIVE-- OR FOR THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO MAKE  
17 AN ADJUSTMENT TO THE LIVING WAGE ORDINANCE. THIS ORDINANCE WAS  
18 PASSED IN 1999 AND IT REQUIRES THAT SUBCONTRACTORS OF THE  
19 COUNTY BE PAID NO LESS THAN \$8.32 AN HOUR WITH \$1.14 FOR  
20 HEALTH INSURANCE. MUCH HAS CHANGED SINCE 1999. FIRST OF ALL,  
21 THERE'S NO HEALTH PLAN IN ALL OF THE STATE, LEAST OF ALL THE  
22 COUNTY, THAT COSTS LESS THAN \$1.14 AN HOUR. AND STILL, THE  
23 LIVING WAGE ORDINANCE IS STILL LOWER THAN THAT OF THE CITY OF  
24 LOS ANGELES WHICH REQUIRES \$1.25 FOR HEALTH INSURANCE. AND  
25 THIS IS UNDER CONSIDERATION, POSSIBILITY TO CHANGE IT.



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1 SECONDLY, 8.32 AN HOUR IS VERY LOW. WE DO NOT WANT TO ACT AS  
2 THOUGH WE DO NOT APPRECIATE WHAT WE CURRENTLY HAVE. IN 1999,  
3 WE GREATLY APPRECIATED THE CHANGE IN THE LIVING WAGE BUT WE  
4 HAVE NOT RECEIVED ANY INCREASES SINCE 1999. FOUR YEARS WITHOUT  
5 A WAGE INCREASE AND, AGAIN, THE LIVING WAGE ORDINANCE WITH THE  
6 CITY IS 9.74 AN HOUR. MOST IMPORTANTLY, THE ORDINANCE FOR LOS  
7 ANGELES HAS AN ANNUAL ADJUSTMENT. THIS LIVING WAGE HAS NO  
8 ADJUSTMENTS. WE'VE BEEN TALKING TO THE COUNTY NOW FOR SEVERAL-  
9 - FOR MONTHS NOW AND THIS IS NOW THE THIRD TIME THAT WE'VE  
10 COME TO THE BOARD. AT THIS MOMENT, WE'RE NEGOTIATING OUR  
11 CONTRACT WITH PEDAS AND THIS CONTRACT IS DUE TO EXPIRE THE  
12 31ST OF MAY. AND WE ARE WILLING TO DO WHATEVER IS NECESSARY TO  
13 MAKE SURE THAT WE CAN GET A BETTER FUTURE. AND WHAT PEDAS  
14 TELLS US IS REASONABLE IN THE CONTEXT THAT, IF THE COUNTY IS  
15 NOT WILLING TO GIVE MORE MONEY, THEN WHO ARE THEY TO BE ABLE  
16 TO GIVE MORE MONEY IN THE NEGOTIATIONS TO THE WORKERS? HERE WE  
17 HAVE SIGNATURES FROM WORKERS THAT WE'D LIKE TO TURN IN TO YOU.  
18 AND WE WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT WE NEED WAGE INCREASES. WE NEED  
19 A LIVING WAGE THAT DOES GIVE US LIVABLE WAGES AND GIVES US THE  
20 RESPECT AND DIGNITY THAT WE NEED ON THE JOB.

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22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. TIME'S UP.



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1 **INTERPRETER:** WE UNDERSTAND THAT ALL OF THE COUNTY BOARD OF  
2 SUPERVISORS, THAT ALL OF US ARE LIVING RIGHT NOW IN DIFFICULT  
3 TIMES.

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5 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. WOULD YOU TELL HER TO WRAP IT UP?  
6

7 **INTERPRETER:** YEAH. THERE ONLY A COUPLE OF SENTENCES LEFT. AND  
8 PLEASE UNDERSTAND THAT THE REASON WHY WE'RE LIVING IN SUCH  
9 DIFFICULT TIMES IS BECAUSE MANY OF THE PEOPLE WHO ARE LIVING--  
10 MANY OF THE FOLKS WHO LIVE IN OUR COMMUNITIES ARE LIVING  
11 THROUGH DIFFICULT TIMES AND THAT INCLUDES THE JANITORS WHO  
12 CLEAN THE OFFICES AND HOSPITALS FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES.

13  
14 **VERONICA GARCIA:** THANK YOU.  
15

16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. OKAY. WE DON'T HAVE ANY OTHER  
17 SPEAKERS SIGNED UP, SO IF YOU'LL READ US INTO CLOSED SESSION.  
18 I GUESS JUST FOR 30 MINUTES. I'M NOT SURE, BECAUSE WE HAVE A  
19 SCHEDULED 1:00 BUDGET HEARING.  
20

21 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** IN ACCORDANCE WITH BROWN ACT  
22 REQUIREMENTS, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD OF  
23 SUPERVISORS WILL CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS ITEM CS-  
24 1 AND CS-2, CONFERENCES WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING EXISTING  
25 LITIGATION, ITEM CS-3, CONSIDERATION OF DEPARTMENT HEAD



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1 PERFORMANCE EVALUATIONS, ITEM CS-4 IS CONTINUED ONE WEEK.

2 THANK YOU.

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5 [The Board adjourned into closed session at this time for  
6 approximately 30 minutes.]

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9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** WE'LL WELCOME OUR DISTRICT ATTORNEY TO THE  
10 PODIUM, PLEASE.

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12 **STEVE COOLEY:** THERE'S KLEENEX HERE. I MAY NEED IT.

13

14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THE KLEENEX IS FOR THE TEARS, STEVE.

15

16 **STEVE COOLEY:** YEAH, I FIGURED THAT.

17

18 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. GO AHEAD, SIR.

19

20 **STEVE COOLEY:** ALL RIGHT. GOOD AFTERNOON, MR. CHAIRMAN AND  
21 MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. THIS DATE MARKS MY FOURTH ANNUAL  
22 APPEARANCE BEFORE YOUR BOARD CONCERNING THE BUDGET. MY REPORT  
23 TODAY REFLECTS THE CURRENT SITUATION IN THE D.A.'S OFFICE AND  
24 I'LL BE JOINED TODAY BY ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY SHARON  
25 MATSUMOTO AND DIRECTOR BILL MANGAN. THEY WILL BE AVAILABLE TO



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1 ASSIST IN RESPONDING TO ANY QUESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE AT THE  
2 CONCLUSION OF MY REMARKS. I DO WANT TO THANK YOU PERSONALLY  
3 FOR ALLOWING ME THE ACCOMMODATION IN THE BUDGET HEARING  
4 SCHEDULE SO THAT I MAY APPEAR AT THIS TIME. AS PART OF THE  
5 ACCOUNTABLE PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN MY DEPARTMENT AND EACH OF YOUR  
6 OFFICES IN THE MUTUAL RESPONSIBILITIES WE SHARE, TWO THINGS  
7 ARE ESSENTIAL. FIRST, IT IS IMPORTANT FOR ME TO REPORT ON THE  
8 CURRENT CAPABILITIES OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE.  
9 SECOND, IT IS EQUALLY IMPORTANT FOR ME TO IDENTIFY CRITICAL  
10 FUNDING NEEDS FOR YOU TO CONSIDER AND DELIBERATE UPON BEFORE  
11 SETTING THE FINAL BUDGET FOR MY DEPARTMENT. IT SHOULD BE NOTED  
12 THAT THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DECLARES, AND  
13 I WILL QUOTE, "THE PROTECTION OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY IS THE  
14 FIRST RESPONSIBILITY OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND LOCAL OFFICIALS  
15 HAVE AN OBLIGATION TO GIVE PRIORITY TO THE PROVISION OF  
16 ADEQUATE PUBLIC SAFETY SERVICES". THE D.A.'S OFFICE IS NOT  
17 ONLY A CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICE BUT IS ALSO INTEGRAL TO  
18 DELIVERING PUBLIC SAFETY SERVICES. THEREFORE, FUNDING FOR THE  
19 DISTRICT ATTORNEY SHOULD BE A PRIORITY ITEM WHEN DETERMINING  
20 ITS BUDGET. SOME ENTITIES CAN REDUCE SERVICES AS A RESULT OF  
21 BUDGET CUTS. THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE CANNOT. WE DO NOT  
22 HAVE THE LUXURY OF WHOLESALING, REFUSING TO PROSECUTE CASES  
23 BROUGHT TO US. IT IS OUR OBLIGATION AND OUR DUTY TO FILE AND  
24 PROSECUTE PROPERLY INVESTIGATED CASES THAT ARE BROUGHT TO US  
25 BY LAW ENFORCEMENT. FRONTLINE LAW ENFORCEMENT IN LOS ANGELES





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1 COUNTY, WITH OUR 28,000 FRONTLINE PEACE OFFICERS, AND THE  
2 NUMEROUS REGULATORY AGENCIES THAT WE MUST SERVE WILL NOT BE  
3 EFFECTIVE IN THE LONG RUN WITHOUT RELIABLE AND ADEQUATE  
4 PROSECUTORIAL RESOURCES TO BACK UP THEIR ENFORCEMENT EFFORTS.  
5 THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM REQUIRES A BALANCE OF RESOURCES TO  
6 ENSURE THAT CRIMINALS OF ALL SORTS ARE IDENTIFIED, ARRESTED,  
7 PROSECUTED, AND APPROPRIATELY PUNISHED. IN THE NEARLY FOUR  
8 YEARS SINCE I HAVE BEEN THE D.A., MY OFFICE HAS DONE AN  
9 EXCELLENT JOB OF CONTROLLING COSTS AND LIVING WITH AN EVER AND  
10 SIGNIFICANTLY DECREASING BUDGETS. I HAVE BEEN HELPED IN THAT  
11 TASK BY ASSISTANT D.A. SHARON MATSUMOTO, WHO SERVED IN THE  
12 SAME CAPACITY IN THE PREVIOUS ADMINISTRATION AND BROUGHT GREAT  
13 EXPERIENCE WITH HER, BILL MANGUM, WHO IS PROBABLY AND WAS THE  
14 NUMBER ONE HUMAN RESOURCES AND BUDGET PERSON UNDER THE REGIME  
15 OF SHERIFF SHERMAN BLOCK AND JOINED OUR OFFICE TO IMPROVE OUR  
16 EFFORTS IN MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET MATTERS. ALSO, CHIEF DECEIVE  
17 SAMONIAN, WHO IS A PREMIER LAW ENFORCEMENT EXECUTIVE WHO  
18 JOINED AS THE CHIEF OF OUR BUREAU INVESTIGATION AND HAS HELPED  
19 ME SUBSTANTIALLY IN THIS EFFORT TO DEAL WITH THESE TOUGH  
20 BUDGETARY TIMES. WE HAVE REORGANIZED, PRIORITIZED, AND  
21 CONSOLIDATED. WE HAVE IMPLEMENTED THOUGHTFUL POLICIES AND MADE  
22 PERSONAL ASSIGNMENTS AND TRANSFERS TO MAXIMIZE PRODUCTIVITY.  
23 WE HAVE NOW COME TO THE POINT WHERE WE HAVE DONE EVERYTHING WE  
24 CAN DO. PAST BUDGETS HAVE NOT ALLOWED ME TO HIRE EVEN ONE NEW  
25 ENTRY LEVEL PROSECUTOR SINCE I TOOK OFFICE. THIS IS VIRTUALLY



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1 UNPRECEDENTED IN OUR OFFICE'S 153-YEAR HISTORY. TODAY, WE HAVE  
2 12% FEWER EMPLOYEES THAN WHEN I BECAME THIS COUNTY'S DISTRICT  
3 ATTORNEY IN DECEMBER OF 2000. THERE ARE 127 FEWER PROSECUTORS  
4 THAN FOUR YEARS AGO. AS OF APRIL THE 1ST, WE HIT OUR 2003/2004  
5 BUDGET CURTAILMENT ATTRITION TARGET AND WE ARE STILL LOSING  
6 PERSONNEL. WHILE STAFFING HAS INCREASED OVER THE PAST FOUR  
7 YEARS, THE WORKLOAD HAS INCREASED. MY DEPARTMENT REVIEWED AND  
8 HANDLED ALMOST 96,000 ADULT FELONY CASES IN THE YEAR 2003. WE  
9 PROCESSED NEARLY 25,000 JUVENILE MATTERS. IN ADDITION, WE  
10 HANDLED MORE THAN 200,000 MISDEMEANORS THAT OCCURRED IN 77 OF  
11 OUR COUNTY CITIES AND IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF THE  
12 COUNTY. THE NUMBER OF FELONY FILINGS INCREASED BY NEARLY 10%  
13 OVER 2002. DEPUTY DISTRICT ATTORNEYS ARE UPHOLDING THIS  
14 OFFICE'S CONSTITUTIONAL MANDATE EVERY DAY, WITH MORE CASES TO  
15 HANDLE, BUT WITH SUBSTANTIALLY LESS PERSONNEL. ON ANY GIVEN  
16 DAY, WE MUST STAFF BETWEEN 220 AND 230 SUPERIOR COURTS. A  
17 PROSECUTOR MUST BE PRESENT AND PREPARED TO REPRESENT THE  
18 PEOPLE IN THOSE COURTS. THOSE PROSECUTORS MUST BE BACKED BY  
19 EXPERIENCED STAFF, INCLUDING EXPERIENCED PROSECUTORS TO REVIEW  
20 AND FILE THE CRIMINAL CASES BROUGHT TO OUR OFFICE EVERY DAY BY  
21 LAW ENFORCEMENT AND REGULATORY AGENCIES WITH WHOM WE WORK.  
22 FILING IS A CRITICAL STAGE IN THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE PROCESS AND  
23 MUST BE ACCOMPLISHED, AND PARTICULARLY WITH CUSTODY CASES,  
24 WITHIN VERY STRICT TIME FRAMES. OUR LINE OPERATIONS, THE  
25 DEPUTIES WHO WORK IN THE CENTRAL BUREAU, THE 10 BRANCH COURTS



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1 AND THE 14 AREA COURTS AS GENERAL PROSECUTORS, HAVE BEEN  
2 REDUCED 23% OVER THE LAST FOUR YEARS. WHY HAVE LINE OPERATIONS  
3 BEEN HIT SO HARD? OUR MANY CONTRACTUAL COMMITMENTS TO MAINTAIN  
4 STAFFING FOR OUTSIDE REVENUE FUNDED UNITS REQUIRE US TO PLACE  
5 DWINDLING RESOURCES IN THOSE ASSIGNMENTS FIRST. THE RESULT IS,  
6 WHENEVER WE ARE HIT WITH A REDUCTION FROM ANY SOURCE, WORKER'S  
7 COMPENSATION COSTS, RETIREE HEALTH INCREASES, UNMET NEEDS NOT  
8 BEING FUNDED, STATE/FEDERAL PROGRAM CURTAILMENTS, COUNTY-  
9 FUNDED LINE OPERATIONS MUST ABSORB THESE LOSSES. SPECIALIZED  
10 VERTICAL PROSECUTION EFFORTS HAVE BEEN HARD HIT AS WELL.  
11 BUDGET CUTS HAVE RESULTED IN THE NEARLY 30% REDUCTION IN OUR  
12 HARD CORE GANG PERSONNEL FROM 62 PROSECUTORS TO 44. AS YOU  
13 KNOW, THESE ARE DIFFICULT CASES THAT REQUIRE THE EFFORTS OF  
14 OUR MOST TALENTED PROSECUTORS. AND YET, DUE TO CUTBACKS OVER  
15 THE PAST THREE YEARS IN FEDERAL, STATE, AND COUNTY REVENUES,  
16 WE NO LONGER ARE ABLE TO DEVOTE THE NECESSARY NUMBER OF  
17 PROSECUTORS TO GANG PROSECUTION. THE ATTORNEY REDUCTIONS I  
18 HAVE JUST OUTLINED ARE A REFLECTION OF THE DIFFICULT DECISIONS  
19 MADE IN THE PAST FOUR YEARS TO INCREMENTALLY COPE WITH EVER  
20 DIMINISHING BUDGETS. MY URGENT REQUEST TO YOUR BOARD IS THAT  
21 YOU RECOGNIZE THE NEED TO REVERSE WHAT HAS OCCURRED AND THAT  
22 THERE BE NO FURTHER CUTS IN THE '04/'05 BUDGET. THE L.A.  
23 COUNTY D.A.'S OFFICE MUST HIRE A MINIMUM OF 20 ATTORNEYS  
24 BEFORE THE END OF THIS CALENDAR YEAR JUST TO HOLD OUR OWN. WE  
25 MUST, AND I CALL UPON THE C.A.O. TO HELP US WITH THIS, WE



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1 MUST, ONCE AND FOR ALL, ADDRESS THE INORDINATELY HIGH AND  
2 UNREALISTIC SALARY SAVINGS FACTOR. THIS ACCOUNTING DEVICE OR  
3 TECHNIQUE IS CANNIBALIZING OUR OPERATIONS. IF I CAN HIRE 40  
4 PROSECUTORS IN ADDITION TO KEEPING PACE WITH OUR NORMAL  
5 ATTRITION, I COMMIT TO YOU TO FULFILL THE WORTHWHILE  
6 OBJECTIVES OF THE INTERAGENCY GANG TASK FORCE BY INCREASING  
7 THE NUMBER OF GANG PROSECUTORS FROM-- THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY TO  
8 WORK WITH I.G.T.F. I ALSO COMMIT I WILL NOT PULL PROSECUTORS  
9 FROM THE FIVE CLEAR SITES WHICH ARE SCHEDULED FOR CLOSURE JUNE  
10 30TH DUE TO SUBSTANTIAL REDUCTIONS IN STATE AND FEDERAL  
11 FUNDING SOURCES. EACH OF YOUR SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS IS  
12 POORLY SERVED BY THE EROSION AND REDUCTION OF PROSECUTORIAL  
13 RESOURCES, FROM POMONA TO PACIFIC PALISADES, FROM LANCASTER TO  
14 LONG BEACH. WITH YOUR HELP AND WORKING TOGETHER, WE CAN  
15 CONTINUE TO BE A FACTOR FOR THE PEOPLE. THE DISTRICT  
16 ATTORNEY'S OFFICE MUST BE ALLOWED TO ACCOMPLISH ITS  
17 CONSTITUTIONALLY MANDATED OBLIGATIONS. PUBLIC SAFETY REQUIRES  
18 IT AND OUR COMMUNITIES DESERVE IT. THANK YOU.

19  
20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ONE QUESTION. WHAT'S BEEN THE IMPACT DURING  
21 THE PAST FOUR YEARS ON YOU'RE NOT BEING ABLE TO HIRE?

22  
23 **STEVE COOLEY:** WELL, BASICALLY IT'S BEEN AN ACROSS-THE-BOARD  
24 REDUCTION IN VIRTUALLY EVERY FUNCTION THAT WE PERFORM, FROM  
25 SPECIALIZED VERTICAL PROSECUTION EFFORTS TO JUST BEING ABLE TO



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1 HANDLE THE WORKLOAD THAT WE'VE BEEN EXPERIENCING. AS I NOTED,  
2 WE'VE BEEN PARTICULARLY HARD HIT IN CENTRAL OPERATIONS BECAUSE  
3 THAT'S THE ULTIMATE POOL THAT WE DRAW FROM AND A 23%  
4 REDUCTION, WHEN YOU HAVE A 10% INCREASE IN THE WORKLOAD, IS  
5 RATHER DRAMATIC SWING. SO I THINK THAT, ACROSS THE BOARD, THE  
6 QUALITY OF PROSECUTION HAS BEEN REDUCED AND IT'S TAKING ITS  
7 TOLL AND IT WILL EVENTUALLY IMPACT PUBLIC SAFETY AS A GENERAL  
8 CONCEPT.

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10 **SUP. MOLINA:** ANY OTHER QUESTIONS? COMMENTS? IF NOT, THANK YOU  
11 SO MUCH, MR. COOLEY, FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. WE APPRECIATE IT.

12

13 **STEVE COOLEY:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

14

15 **SUP. MOLINA:** NEXT WE HAVE RALPH MILLER. MR. MILLER, ARE YOU  
16 BRINGING UP SOME ADDITIONAL FOLKS? ALL RIGHT. I HAVE A SERIES  
17 OF FOLKS. DO YOU WANT ME TO CALL THEM OUT? WALTER MALONE. I'M  
18 SORRY?

19

20 **RALPH MILLER:** WE'VE HAD SOME CHANGES AND I HAVE SUBMITTED THEM  
21 OVER HERE.

22

23 **SUP. MOLINA:** ALL RIGHT. WHY DON'T YOU CALL THEM UP, THEN?

24

25 **RALPH MILLER:** OKAY. VERY GOOD. THANK YOU.



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2 **SUP. MOLINA:** NOT EVERYONE BUT IN THE SPACES THAT YOU HAVE FROM  
3 BEFORE. COULD WE OPEN THE GATES OR THE-- THANK YOU.

4

5 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** CALL UP MR. MALONE.

6

7 **RALPH MILLER:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS RALPH  
8 MILLER, I'M PRESIDENT OF THE LOCAL 685, DEPUTY PROBATION  
9 OFFICER'S UNION FOR L.A. COUNTY. WE'RE HERE TODAY TO TESTIFY  
10 ABOUT THE PROPOSED CUTS TO PROBATION, BOTH THOSE CUTS BY THE  
11 COUNTY AND THOSE PROPOSED BY THE STATE. IF ADOPTED BY THE  
12 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND THE STATE, THESE CUTS WOULD BE  
13 DEVASTATING FOR OUR COMMUNITIES. THEY MUST BE REVERSED. THEY  
14 ARE PENNY-WISE AND POUND- FOOLISH. THERE'S NO QUESTION THAT  
15 CUTTING THESE PROGRAMS WOULD MAKE OUR COMMUNITIES MUCH MORE  
16 DANGEROUS, ULTIMATELY COSTING THE COUNTY TENS OF MILLIONS OF  
17 DOLLARS MORE IN LAW ENFORCEMENT AND INCARCERATION COSTS THAN  
18 SIMPLY PRESERVING THE PROGRAMS. FOR THE COUNTY'S PART, I'M  
19 TALKING ABOUT SCHOOL-BASED SUPERVISION, OPERATION READ, POST-  
20 DISPOSITION, AFTERCARE, AND AN INCREASE IN ADULT SUPERVISION  
21 AND INVESTIGATION CASELOADS. THESE ARE IMPORTANT PROGRAMS THAT  
22 WERE SLATED FOR CUTS LAST YEAR, KEPT GOING WITH SO-CALLED ONE-  
23 TIME MONEYS, AND OUT AGAIN THIS YEAR. THE TIME HAS COME TO  
24 FULLY FUND THESE PROGRAMS WITH ONGOING RESOURCES, PERHAPS, OUT  
25 OF THE HUNDRED OR SO MILLION DOLLARS IN ONGOING REVENUE THAT





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1 THE C.A.O. HAS PUT INTO RESERVE, THOUGH THAT'S CERTAINLY UP TO  
2 YOU TO DECIDE. FOR THE STATE'S PART, WE'RE CONCERNED, OF  
3 COURSE, WITH THE PROPOSED CLOSURE OF PROBATION CAMPS,  
4 ELIMINATION OF MANY OF THE INTENSIVE ANTI-GANG PROGRAMS, A  
5 SIGNIFICANT INCREASE IN JUVENILE CASELOAD SIZES, AND THE  
6 ELIMINATION OF PRETRIAL SERVICES. WE HAVE BEEN FIGHTING  
7 TIRELESSLY AND WE CONTINUE TO FIGHT IN SACRAMENTO TO FIND A  
8 SOLUTION, AND WE'RE HOPEFUL, THOUGH NEVER CERTAIN, UNTIL THE  
9 LEGISLATION IS SIGNED, THAT THE GOVERNOR AND THE SPEAKER AND  
10 THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE BIG FIVE IN THE LEGISLATURE HAVE  
11 FOUND THEIR WAY TO SAVE THE CAMPS AND THESE OTHER PROGRAMS. WE  
12 MUST NOT SIT BACK AND WE'RE NOT SITTING BACK. WE MUST CONTINUE  
13 TO PUSH THE LEGISLATURE AND THE GOVERNOR TO MAKE THIS ISSUE A  
14 PRIORITY. WE MUST DO THIS TOGETHER IN PARTNERSHIP, THE UNIONS,  
15 THE DEPARTMENT, AND THE COUNTY, BECAUSE THERE ARE JUST TOO  
16 MANY LIVES AT STAKE. WE HAVE SOME LINE OFFICERS AND SOME  
17 COMMUNITY PEOPLE THAT WE'LL BE CALLING UP THAT ALSO WOULD LIKE  
18 TO ADD A FEW VERY BRIEF COMMENTS, IF THEY MAY.

19

20 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, RALPH. IDENTIFY YOURSELF.

21

22 **JOE STRINGER:** MY NAME IS JOE STRINGER. I'M A MEMBER OF THE  
23 COMMUNITY-- ACORN COMMUNITY GROUP. I AM HERE TO TESTIFY ABOUT  
24 MY SON, WHICH WAS GIVEN PROBATION CAMP TIME. AND THIS TIME  
25 THAT HE DID IN THE CAMP, IT WAS VERY HELPFUL TO HIM BECAUSE IT



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1 REALLY HELPED TURN HIS LIFE AROUND. HE'S NOW OUT, MARRIED, HAS  
2 A FAMILY, AND I KNOW IF IT WASN'T FOR THIS PROBATION CAMP,  
3 THAT HIS LIFE WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN TURNED AROUND AND HE WOULDN'T  
4 BE DOING THE THINGS THAT HE'S DOING NOW. HE'S STRICTLY,  
5 TOTALLY A FAMILY MAN AND HE HAS THREE KIDS. ONE HAS GRADUATED.  
6 ONE IS GRADUATING NEXT WEEK, AND HE STILL HAS ONE. SO I THINK  
7 HE HAS DID A TREMENDOUS JOB BY GETTING HELP FROM THESE  
8 PROBATION CAMPS, AND I THINK THAT THESE PROBATION CAMPS IS  
9 MORE HELPFUL TO THE YOUNG PEOPLE THAN WHAT WE CALL HARD, COLD  
10 JAIL TIME AND THAT'S WHY I'M HERE TODAY TO ASK AND TO HOPE  
11 THAT WE CAN KEEP THESE CAMPS OPEN BECAUSE WE NEED THESE CAMPS  
12 MORE THAN WE NEED A LOT OF HARDCORE JAILS. THE CAMPS WILL HELP  
13 TEACH AND PREVENT A LOT OF THINGS THAT HAPPEN, LIKE, IF WE--  
14 IF THEY CLOSE THESE CAMPS, WE'RE GOING TO HAVE WHAT THEY CALL  
15 A WAR, AND THAT WAR IS GOING TO BE RIGHT HERE IN THE STREET  
16 BECAUSE YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE THESE GANG MEMBERS WANTING THIS  
17 TURF, THIS GANG MEMBER WANTING THAT TURF, AND IT'S GOING TO BE  
18 A WAR. WE DON'T NEED THAT. WE NEED THE CAMPS.

19

20 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. YES, SIR?

21

22 **JOE NUNEZ:** MY NAME IS JOE NUNEZ. I'M A SUPERVISOR FOR L.A.  
23 COUNTY PROBATION DEPARTMENT.

24

25 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MICROPHONE, PLEASE.



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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** WHAT'S YOUR NAME?

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4 **JOE NUNEZ:** I'VE BEEN DOING IT FOR THREE YEARS. I'M PRESENTLY  
5 WITH THE SCHOOL-BASED PROGRAM. PARDON?

6

7 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** WHAT WAS YOUR NAME?

8

9 **JOE NUNEZ:** OH, JOSEPH NUNEZ. I'M WITH THE SCHOOL-BASED  
10 PROGRAM. BEEN DOING IT FOR ABOUT THREE YEARS. I THINK THE  
11 SCHOOL-BASED PROGRAM IS UNIQUE IN THAT NOT ONLY DO WE WORK  
12 WITH THE KIDS THAT ARE ON PROBATION, WE DEAL WITH THE KIDS  
13 THAT ARE ALSO AT RISK. WE ACCEPT REFERRALS FROM DEANS,  
14 COUNSELORS, POLICE AGENCIES, JUST ABOUT ANYBODY. AND, ONCE WE  
15 GET THE KID REFERRED TO OUR PROGRAM, WE CAN REFER THEM TO  
16 COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS FOR DRUG ABUSE COUNSELING, ANGER  
17 MANAGEMENT, GANG INTERVENTION, GENDER-SPECIFIC AND OPERATION  
18 READ. AND I THINK THIS PROGRAM IS UNIQUE BECAUSE WE TRY TO  
19 KEEP THE KIDS OFF PROBATION, POSSIBLY OUT OF JUVENILE HALL AND  
20 OUT OF THE CAMPS. AND, IF THIS IS ELIMINATED, THOSE KIDS MIGHT  
21 JUST FALL THROUGH THE CRACKS.

22

23 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. GO AHEAD.

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1   **SUE KLEIN:** MY NAME IS SUE KLEIN, I'M A MEMBER OF ASME LOCAL  
2   685 AND A PROBATION OFFICER AT CHALLENGER IN SUPERVISOR  
3   ANTONOVICH'S DISTRICT. AND I DON'T WANT TO COME AND TELL YOU  
4   WHAT WE DON'T DO OR WHAT WE NEED, I JUST WANT TO TELL YOU  
5   ABOUT A COUPLE KIDS. WE HAD ONE GIRL, HER NAME WAS SUSIE. SHE  
6   WAS A HEAVY-DUTY 18TH STREET MEMBER. WHEN SHE LEFT CAMP, SHE  
7   HAD HER HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA, SHE'D BEEN THROUGH COUNSELING  
8   WITH US. SHE WENT TO WORK IN A DOCTOR'S OFFICE. SHE'S GOING TO  
9   COLLEGE PART-TIME TO BECOME A NURSE AND SHE STILL CALLS ME AND  
10   SHE LEFT FIVE YEARS AGO. WE HAVE A YOUNG MAN NAMED FRANK WHO  
11   HAD BEEN TO CAMP TWICE. WHEN WE SENT HIM BACK TO COURT THE  
12   FIRST TIME, HE SAID, "WHY DID YOU DO THAT? I WASN'T READY. I  
13   NEEDED TO BE HERE." HIS GIRLFRIEND LOST THEIR BABY WHILE HE  
14   WAS IN CAMP. WE PUT THEM BOTH THROUGH PARENTING CLASSES. WE  
15   CONTINUED TO WORK WITH THEM EVEN AFTER THEY LEFT THROUGH THE  
16   COMMUNITY SERVICES THAT WE WORK WITH. HE'S NOW WORKING AT THE  
17   OIL REFINERIES, THEY HAVE TWO CHILDREN, AND SHE'S EMPLOYED BY  
18   THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES. WE DO DO SOME GOOD WORK AND WE NEED  
19   TO BE ABLE TO CONTINUE TO DO IT.

20

21   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. RALPH, ARE YOU CALLING THESE UP  
22   OR AM I SUPPOSED TO BE CALLING THESE UP?

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24   **RALPH MILLER:** YES, WE'VE HAD SOME CHANGES SO...

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1    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY.

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3    **RALPH MILLER:** I KNOW WE HAVE THREE MORE. [ INDISTINCT  
4    CONVERSATION ]

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6    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. GO AHEAD.

7

8    **JESSE AVILA:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS JESSE AVILA. I'M A  
9    DEPUTY PROBATION OFFICER. MY CHARGE IS NARCOTIC TESTING UNIT  
10    AND PROPOSITION 36, WHICH MANY OF YOU SUPPORTED. I'M HERE TO  
11    TALK TO YOU ABOUT A COUPLE OF THINGS. ONE OF THEM IS THE  
12    EXCESSIVE AMOUNT OF CASES THAT WE ARE NOW BEING ASKED TO  
13    SUPERVISE. WHAT WE FEAR MOST IS OUR INABILITY TO SUPERVISE  
14    THESE PEOPLE WHO ARE OUT IN THE COMMUNITY AND THE ONLY CHECK  
15    THAT THEY HAVE IS US. RIGHT NOW, WE'RE ABLE TO WORK WITH SOME  
16    OF THEM AND, FOR THE AMOUNT OF TIME THAT WE HAVE THEM, THREE  
17    TO FIVE YEARS, THEY ACTUALLY BEGIN TO LOOK TO US FOR  
18    DIRECTION, FOR REFERRALS, FOR JOBS, AND SOMETIMES EVEN FOR  
19    FAMILY COUNSELING. WHEN WE GET TOO MANY, WE REALIZE WE CAN'T  
20    HELP THEM AND ALL WE'RE DOING IS WAREHOUSING THEM. THAT IS NOT  
21    HELPING US AND IT'S NOT HELPING THE COMMUNITY WHEN THEY GO  
22    BACK. THEY DO WANT TO GO BACK. WE HAVE SEVERAL EXAMPLES OF  
23    PEOPLE WHO HAVE GONE ON AND TALKED AND REALLY FOLLOWED THROUGH  
24    AND MADE THEIR OWN JOBS. WHAT'S DIFFICULT FOR US IS THAT, WITH  
25    THE BUDGET CUTS, WITH THE THINGS THAT WE TALK ABOUT, WE FORGET



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1 THAT THEY'RE REAL PEOPLE, REAL FAMILIES, AND THEIR CHILDREN.  
2 DON'T FORGET THE FAMILIES. WITH THE AMOUNT OF MONEY THAT WE'RE  
3 ASKING FOR THAT YOU'RE TAKING AWAY, YOU DON'T REALIZE THE  
4 IMPACT WE'RE GOING TO PAY LATER FOR THIS. THANK YOU FOR YOUR  
5 TIME.

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7 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. YES, SIR.

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9 **BERNARD CADE:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISOR. MY NAME IS BERNARD  
10 CADE. I'VE JUST CELEBRATED 16 YEARS OF SERVICE WITH THE  
11 PROBATION DEPARTMENT AND LET ME GIVE YOU A COUPLE SPECIFICS ON  
12 WHAT HAPPENS WITH THE KIDS THERE. TWO INSTANCES. THE READING  
13 IS FUNDAMENTAL PROGRAM AND THE POST- DISPOSITION PROGRAMS NOT  
14 ONLY SAVE LIVES, THEY BOOST OUR KIDS' SELF-ESTEEM, PROVIDE  
15 MOTIVATION WITH JOB TRAINING AND OPEN DOORS THEY NEVER DREAMED  
16 WOULD BE AVAILABLE TO THEM AND, BOTTOM LINE, THEY PREVENT  
17 UNTOLD FUTURE ACTS OF VIOLENCE. LET ME GIVE YOU FOUR EXAMPLES,  
18 OR FIVE REAL QUICKLY. MARIO, WHO NOW WORKS AS A CHEF WITH  
19 CARNIVAL CRUISES, CAME THROUGH OUR CAMP TWO YEARS AGO. HE'S  
20 MAKING \$74,000 A YEAR. TAXPAYING CITIZEN. JULIO HELPED  
21 CONSTRUCT THE UPPER DECK OF JACK MURPHY STADIUM. NOW HE RUNS  
22 HIS OWN CONSTRUCTION COMPANY DOWN IN SAN DIEGO. CAME BACK TO  
23 SAY THANK YOU TO US. JAMES IS IN HIS SECOND YEAR OF U.C.L.A.  
24 LAW SCHOOL, GOT HIS RECORD SEALED, ET CETERA. AGAIN, A VIABLE  
25 PERSON. AND RICKIE IS A SOPHOMORE AT COMPTON COLLEGE MAJORING





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1 IN HISTORY. AND, FINALLY, DESHAY WILL BE ENROLLING AT SANTA  
2 MONICA COLLEGE THIS SUMMER. ALL THESE KIDS, SEVERAL THINGS,  
3 EITHER A.D.D., HARDCORE GANG MEMBER, ALL KIND OF EMOTIONAL  
4 PROBLEMS AND DAMAGE AT HOME, ABUSE, ET CETERA, GANGS INCLUDED,  
5 BUT THEY ALL SEEMED TO MAKE IT AND I COULD BRING HUNDREDS OF  
6 THESE TO LET YOU KNOW. BUT THE BOTTOM LINE IS THAT \$340,000 IS  
7 A SMALL PRICE TO PAY TO KEEP OUR COMMUNITIES SAFE AND TO KEEP  
8 OUR KIDS OUT OF JAILS. THANK YOU.

9

10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

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12 **SUP. MOLINA:** RALPH, COULD I SAY SOMETHING?

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14 **RALPH MILLER:** SURE.

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16 **SUP. MOLINA:** YOU KNOW, I DON'T KNOW ABOUT THE REST OF THE  
17 BOARD MEMBERS BUT I HAVE TO ASSUME THAT WE VALUE THE CAMPS AND  
18 WE VALUE THE WORK THAT THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT DOES IN THE  
19 CAMP. I DON'T THINK YOU'LL FIND ANY OF US THAT HAVE NOT  
20 RESPECTED THE WORK THAT'S BEING DONE THERE AND ARE EQUALLY AS  
21 STARTLED AS YOU ARE AS TO HOW THEY'RE NOT FUNDED. AND I'M  
22 WORRIED AS TO WHAT THAT MEANS BECAUSE I'M NOT SURE WHAT THAT  
23 MEANS AS YET OTHER THAN THAT THEY'RE GOING TO BE EMPTIED OUT.  
24 BUT I HOPE YOU UNDERSTAND THAT WE'RE SORT OF ON THE SAME SIDE  
25 WHEN IT COMES TO VALUING, AND THERE ARE SOME PEOPLE UP IN



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1 SACRAMENTO THAT DON'T SEEM TO UNDERSTAND. AND WHEN YOU COMPARE  
2 TO C.Y.A., THIS IS NIGHT AND DAY AND THE VALUE THAT THESE  
3 CAMPS HAVE TO INDIVIDUALS, TO FAMILIES, TO EVEN THE OUTSIDE  
4 RELATIONSHIP WHEN A KID COMES OUT AND WHAT HAPPENS AND HIS  
5 INTERACTION WITH HIS OWN FRIENDS AND SO ON. BUT I DO HOPE YOU  
6 UNDERSTAND THAT THAT-- IT'S NOT OUR DECISION OR WE'VE KIND OF  
7 BEEN HANDED THIS THING AGAIN. I HOPE THAT YOU HAVE-- ARE  
8 TELLING THIS SAME STORY TO ALL OF MY ASSEMBLY MEMBERS AND  
9 SENATORS. I HOPE.

10

11 **RALPH MILLER:** WELL, WE UNDERSTAND THAT AND YOU CAN BE ASSURED  
12 THAT WE'RE DOING THAT. SO, AS WE SPEAK, OUR REPRESENTATIVES  
13 ARE DOING THAT.

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15 **SUP. MOLINA:** ANY RESPONSE?

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17 **RALPH MILLER:** YES. WE HAVE SOME POSITIVE RESPONSE BUT, YOU  
18 KNOW, IT AIN'T OVER UNTIL IT'S OVER, AS THE SAYING GOES. BUT  
19 WE THANK YOU AND WE RECOGNIZE THAT AND WE APPRECIATE IT.

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21 **NORM JOHNSON:** MY NAME IS NORM JOHNSON. I'M THE PRESIDENT OF  
22 THE SUPERVISING DEPUTY PROBATION OFFICER ASSOCIATION AND I'M  
23 ALSO THE TREASURER OF LOCAL 660. YOU KNOW, I'M NOT HERE TO  
24 SPEND A LOT OF TIME TRYING TO CONVINCE YOU TO DO ANYTHING  
25 BECAUSE I BELIEVE YOU ARE ON OUR SIDE AND WE HAVE BEEN WORKING



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1    QUITE DILIGENTLY IN SACRAMENTO 660 AS WELL AS ME. I WANT TO  
2    TAKE A MINUTE JUST TO TALK ABOUT OPERATION READ. WHAT I DO, I  
3    WORK WITH MIDDLE SCHOOLS. MY DEPUTIES ARE ASSIGNED TO MIDDLE  
4    SCHOOLS. WE UNDERSTAND THAT THERE IS A DIRECT CORRELATION  
5    BETWEEN A CHILD'S ABILITY TO READ AND DELINQUENCY. IT IS  
6    PREVENTION. A CHILD LEARNING TO READ IS UTMOST IMPORTANT,  
7    ESPECIALLY THESE MIDDLE CHILDREN, THESE MIDDLE-AGED, MIDDLE-  
8    GREAT CHILDREN. SO WE ARE ASKING YOU THAT, WHAT IS IT,  
9    \$815,000? THAT'S A SMALL PRICE TO PAY FOR A CHILD. THANK YOU.

10

11   **SUP. MOLINA:** ON THAT ISSUE, WE'VE QUESTIONED SOME OF THE  
12    OUTCOMES. THERE'S STILL A LOT OF WORK THAT NEEDS TO BE DONE ON  
13    OPERATION READ FOR US TO SEE BECAUSE WE DON'T GET-- WE'RE NOT  
14    GETTING THE MEASURES. I MEAN, IT LOOKS LIKE IT'D BE VERY  
15    VALUABLE BUT, WHEN A CHILD GOES IN OR WHEN A KID GOES IN, WE  
16    DON'T GET HIM MEASURED AT THE END OF WHERE DID HE ADVANCE TO.  
17    THE QUESTIONS WE'VE BEEN ASKING THE DEPARTMENT--

18

19   **NORM JOHNSON:** AND WE'RE WORKING ON THAT.

20

21   **SUP. MOLINA:** AND I THINK THAT, FOR US TO SEE THE VALUE THAT  
22    YOU'RE TRYING-- I UNDERSTAND THE IMPORTANCE OF READING BUT I'M  
23    NOT SO SURE THIS PROGRAM IS DELIVERING THE GOODS AND I GUESS  
24    THAT'S THE ISSUE WE'RE ASKING ABOUT. AND WE NEED TO GET THAT  
25    CLARIFICATION BECAUSE IT'S VERY HARD TO SAY LET'S TAKE MONEY



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1 OUT OF-- LET'S TRY AND FIND A WAY TO FUND THIS WHEN, IN FACT,  
2 WE'RE NOT GETTING THE OUTCOMES AS PROMISED. AND THIS IS YEAR  
3 THREE OF THIS, SO IT SHOULD-- WE SHOULD GET TO A POINT NOW  
4 WHERE WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO TELL IF A KID IS ADVANCING OR NOT.  
5 BUT, AS I AM TOLD, WE DON'T HAVE THAT ABILITY TODAY AND IT  
6 DOESN'T LOOK LIKE WE'RE GOING TO HAVE THAT ABILITY TOMORROW.

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8 **SPEAKER:** WELL, WE DO AGREE AND WE'RE WILLING TO WORK WITH THE  
9 DEPARTMENT IN ANY WAY WE CAN TO MAKE THAT HAPPEN.

10

11 **SUP. MOLINA:** SIMPLE EVALUATION, SIMPLE TESTING.

12

13 **NORM JOHNSON:** THANK YOU.

14

15 **JAMES LEWIS:** MY NAME IS JAMES LEWIS, I'M A MEMBER OF 685  
16 PROBATION OFFICER'S UNION. I'VE BEEN WITH THE PROBATION  
17 DEPARTMENT APPROXIMATELY 26 YEARS. I'VE BEEN WITH GANGS  
18 APPROXIMATELY 15 YEARS. I'M VERY CONCERNED ABOUT THE STATE  
19 BUDGET EFFECTS ON THE SPECIALIZED UNITS AND THE LOSS OF TANA  
20 FUNDS FOR PROBATION. IF A SOLUTION TO FUNDING CRISIS ISN'T  
21 FOUND, MOST OF THE INTENSIVE ANTI-GANG PROGRAMS WILL BE  
22 ELIMINATED. THIS INCLUDES DISARM, INTENSIVE GANG SUPERVISION,  
23 AND THE CLEAR PROGRAM. WITHOUT PROBATION'S PARTICIPATION IN  
24 THESE MULTI-AGENCIES PREVENTION PROGRAMS, DESTRUCTIVE AND  
25 VIOLENT GANG ACTIVITY WILL SIGNIFICANTLY INCREASE. WE HAVE



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1 REASON TO HOPE THERE IS A SOLUTION TO THIS BUDGET CRISIS WILL  
2 BE FOUND IN THE LEGISLATURE. BUT WE CANNOT ASSUME THAT THIS  
3 WILL HAPPEN. SAVING TANA FUNDS FOR PROBATION ARE ASSUMING THE  
4 REPLACEMENT OF THE FUNDING WITH GENERAL FUNDS MONEY MUST BE A  
5 NUMBER ONE PRIORITY. AS A SPECIALIZED GANG MEMBER, THE FOCUS  
6 OF OUR PROGRAM IS TO STOP GANG VIOLENCE BEFORE THEY FURTHER  
7 VICTIMIZE THE COMMUNITY. WE CAN DOCUMENT THAT THE P.O.S AND  
8 THESE WORKING CLOSELY WITH OTHER LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES HAVE  
9 MADE SIGNIFICANT IMPACT. GETTING GUNS, DRUGS, AND GANG MEMBERS  
10 OFF THE STREET IS OUR PRIORITY. WE BELIEVE THAT A LIFE CANNOT  
11 HAVE A NUMERICAL VALUE-- A MONETARY VALUE TO IT AND,  
12 THEREFORE, THAT'S WHY I'M OUT IN THE STREETS ON WEEKENDS,  
13 NIGHTS, TO GIVE, DO WHAT I CAN DO, AND WE NEED YOU TO DO WHAT  
14 YOU CAN DO TO PROTECT THESE PROGRAMS.

15

16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

17

18 **CARLOS CLAYTON:** MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, GOOD  
19 AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS CARLOS CLAYTON. I'M A MECHANICAL  
20 ENGINEER AT THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND, THEREFORE, ONE  
21 OF YOUR EMPLOYEES. I AM ALSO THE ELECTED VICE PRESIDENT OF  
22 C.A.P.E., THE EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION THAT REPRESENTS PROFESSOR  
23 EMPLOYEES AT THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY. I AM HERE TODAY SPEAKING  
24 BEFORE YOUR DISTINGUISHED BOARD BECAUSE I CONSIDER IT MY  
25 RESPONSIBILITY TO CONVEY OUR DEEP CONCERNS WITH THE BUDGET



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1 CUTS PROPOSED FOR THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT. FIRST, C.A.P.E.  
2 REPRESENTS A NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES IN THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT,  
3 INCLUDING PROJECT MANAGERS, FACILITIES PLANNERS, AND OTHERS,  
4 AND WE WANT TO MAKE SURE THEY HAVE THE SUPPORT AND THE PROPER  
5 STAFFING TO COMPLETE THEIR IMPORTANT WORK. SECOND, OUR  
6 ASSOCIATION IS DEEPLY CONCERNED ABOUT THE IMPACT THE PROPOSED  
7 CUTS WILL HAVE IN THE COMMUNITIES OUR MEMBERS WORK SO HARD TO  
8 SERVE. OUR ENGINEERS, INSPECTORS, AND TECHNICIANS ENSURE THE  
9 STRUCTURAL SAFETY OF THE COUNTY'S ROADS, BRIDGES, AND  
10 BUILDINGS. WE OVERSEE AND FACILITATE MAJOR BUILDINGS AND  
11 CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS THROUGHOUT LOS ANGELES COUNTY, ENSURING  
12 THEY ARE COMPLETED SAFELY, LEGALLY, AND ON SCHEDULE. C.A.P.E.  
13 MEMBERS TAKE PRIDE IN PROVIDING A WIDE RANGE OF PROFESSIONAL  
14 AND TECHNICAL SERVICES, ALL INTENDED TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF  
15 LIFE FOR THE RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY.  
16 THAT IS, AFTER ALL, OUR MISSION. WITH C.A.P.E., MEMBERS ARE  
17 CLEARLY NOT ALONE IN THIS MISSION. WE ARE PART OF YOUR 90,000-  
18 MEMBER WORKFORCE, ALL DEDICATED TO IMPROVING THE QUALITY OF  
19 LIFE FOR LOS ANGELES COUNTY RESIDENTS. CUTTING FUNDING TO THE  
20 PROBATION DEPARTMENT AND FORCING THE CLOSURE OF PROBATION  
21 CAMPS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY, WHERE THEY ELIMINATE A CRUCIAL  
22 SAFETY NET, A SAFETY NET THAT HELPS REINTEGRATE YOUNG  
23 INDIVIDUALS WHO TOOK THE WRONG PATH IN LIFE BACK INTO OUR  
24 COMMUNITIES AS PRODUCTIVE, RESPONSIBLE CITIZENS. THE PROBATION  
25 CAMPS LITERALLY SAVE LIVES AND ELIMINATING THEM IS IN DIRECT





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1 CONFLICT WITH OUR SHARED MISSION. FOR THESE REASONS, AND ON  
2 BEHALF OF NEARLY 3,000 COUNTY EMPLOYEES REPRESENTED BY  
3 C.A.P.E., I URGE YOU TO REJECT THESE PROPOSED CUTS AT THIS  
4 TIME. AND, FINALLY, I ALSO ASK THAT YOUR BOARD CONTINUE TO  
5 EXERCISE RESTRAINT IN DECIDING WHETHER THE-- TO ACCEPT THE  
6 PROPOSED CUTS, AT LEAST UNTIL SUCH TIME AS A STATE HAS A FINAL  
7 BUDGET AND WE KNOW THE TRUE IMPACT THEIR BUDGET WILL HAVE ON  
8 OUR COUNTY REVENUES. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR TIME TODAY.

9

10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. YOU'VE GOT ONE MORE, RALPH,  
11 RIGHT?

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13 **RALPH MILLER:** LAST ONE. THANK YOU.

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15 **JAMAL THROWER:** YES, HELLO AND GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD OF  
16 SUPERVISORS MEMBERS. MY NAME IS JAMAL THROWER, I'M THE CAMP'S  
17 VICE PRESIDENT FOR L.A. COUNTY PROBATION OFFICER'S UNION LOCAL  
18 685. I'VE WORKED IN CAMPS, I GUESS, GOING ON 20 YEARS NOW,  
19 WORKED IN AFTERCARE AS WELL AS IN THE CAMPS, AND WHAT I HAVE  
20 SEEN, AS I'M SURE YOU'VE ALREADY HEARD, ARE YOUNG MEN WHO WERE  
21 ONCE MINORS, WHO HAD GONE TO CAMP, ONE IN PARTICULAR, JORGE  
22 LUNA. JUST HAPPENED TO RUN INTO HIM IN A WAL-MART UP IN  
23 VICTORVILLE. HE RECOGNIZED ME. I DIDN'T RECOGNIZE HIM AT  
24 FIRST. HE CAME TO ME AND HE ASKED ABOUT MR. MILLER. ASKED HOW  
25 HE WAS DOING.



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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** REALLY? REALLY? HE ASKED ABOUT MR. MILLER?

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4 **JAMAL THROWER:** YES, HE DID. HE ASKED ABOUT MR. MILLER. HE  
5 ASKED IF HE WAS STILL BEING HARD ON HIM. [ LAUGHTER ]

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7 **JAMAL THROWER:** THE YOUNG MAN DID ABOUT THREE CAMP PROGRAMS  
8 BECAUSE HE WAS THOROUGHLY ENTRENCHED IN GANGS WHEN HE FIRST  
9 ARRIVED AND, WHEN I SAW HIM, HE WAS WORKING AS A JANITOR AT  
10 THE WAL-MART, WOULDN'T LET ME GET OUT OF THE STORE WITHOUT  
11 OFFERING MY USING HIS DISCOUNT. [ LAUGHTER ]

12

13 **JAMAL THROWER:** HE HAS STARTED A-- HE HAD A TATTOO PARLOR UP IN  
14 VICTORVILLE THAT HE HAD JUST OPENED ABOUT A YEAR EARLIER AND  
15 WAS DOING PRETTY WELL BUT HE NEEDED HEALTH INSURANCE, SO HE  
16 WAS ABLE TO GET THAT AS A JANITOR. AND HE THANKED ME AND HE  
17 TOLD ME THAT, HAD HE NOT COME TO CAMP, HE DIDN'T THINK HE  
18 WOULD HAVE MADE IT, LET ALONE-- I MEAN, THE YOUNG MAN WAS  
19 MARRIED, HE HAD TWO CHILDREN AT THE TIME. I WAS HAPPY TO SEE  
20 THAT. I WAS HAPPY TO SEE THAT HE EVEN RECOGNIZED ME. I WAS  
21 EVEN MORE HAPPY TO BE ABLE TO CALL HIS NAME BECAUSE WE HAVE SO  
22 MANY THAT COME THROUGH THE CAMPS. I HAVE ANOTHER YOUNG MAN BY  
23 THE NAME OF JONES. HE WAS FROM THE 54TH AND WESTERN DISTRICT.  
24 HE CAME INTO CAMP, HE WAS ARRESTED ON A GUN CHARGE AS A GANG  
25 MEMBER, HE WAS 15 YEARS OLD. WORKED WITH HIM FOR ABOUT NINE



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1 MONTHS. IT JUST SO HAPPENED THAT I KNEW HIS UNCLE. I'D MET HIM  
2 YEARS AGO AND I RAN INTO HIM AGAIN A COUPLE YEARS AGO AND HE  
3 TOLD ME THAT THIS YOUNG MAN HAS GONE ON TO-- HE'S CERTIFIED IN  
4 AIR CONDITIONING REFRIGERATION REPAIR, HE'S MARRIED, HE HAS  
5 CHILDREN, AND HE'S ALSO GONE BACK TO COLLEGE. SO THESE ARE  
6 JUST SOME MORE EXAMPLES OF SOME OF THE WORK THAT WE DO AND, AS  
7 YOU STATED, SUPERVISOR MOLINA, YOU'RE ALREADY AWARE OF THAT.  
8 AND ALL I ASK IS THAT YOU GIVE YOUR UTMOST CONSIDERATION TO  
9 THIS FUNDING BECAUSE IT'S SORELY NEEDED. IT'S NEEDED BY US,  
10 IT'S NEEDED BY PEOPLE WHO JUST WALK THE STREETS EVERY DAY. AND  
11 I'D APPRECIATE THAT.

12

13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. I THINK-- I KNOW YOU'RE GOING TO  
14 SUMMARIZE, RALPH, BUT I THINK YOU KNOW THAT THIS BOARD IS  
15 STRONGLY BEHIND THE CAMPS AND DO WHAT WE CAN TO WORK WITH YOU  
16 AND YOUR MEMBERS TO MAKE SURE THAT CLOSURE DOESN'T HAPPEN AND  
17 WE APPRECIATE ALL THAT YOU'RE DOING ON THE OTHER SIDE OF IT TO  
18 WORK THE OTHER SIDE OF IT. I JUST HAVE A QUESTION. THE TATTOO  
19 PARLOR, THE KID DIDN'T HAVE "I LOVE RALPH" ON HIS ARM, DID HE?  
20 [ LAUGHTER ]

21

22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY.

23

24 **JAMAL THROWER:** MATTER OF FACT, HE HAD TOLD ME THAT HE HAD NOT  
25 HAD A NEW TATTOO IN SEVEN YEARS.



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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT!

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4 **RALPH MILLER:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR, AND WE APPRECIATE YOUR  
5 SUPPORT.

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7 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. [ APPLAUSE ]

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9 **SUP. MOLINA:** MR. CHAIRMAN? MR. CHAIRMAN, COULD I ASK A QUICK  
10 QUESTION?

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12 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** SURE. DO YOU WANT TO ASK...

13

14 **SUP. MOLINA:** DAVID-- NO. DAVID, WHAT IS THE SITUATION NOW  
15 THAT, IF WE DON'T HAVE THESE PROBATION CAMPS, DO THEY  
16 AUTOMATICALLY GO TO C.Y.A.? WHAT HAPPENS? IT'S JUST NOT AN  
17 OPTION? WHAT DOES A JUDGE DO OR WHAT'S-- AND IF THEY GO TO  
18 C.Y.A., DO WE PAY THE TAB AT C.Y.A. OR WHAT?

19

20 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** MR. CHAIR, SUPERVISOR, WE DID-- I'M LOOKING  
21 FOR THE REPORT. WE DID SOME CALCULATIONS ON WHAT WE THOUGHT  
22 THE ADDITIONAL COST WOULD BE AND WE BELIEVE IT'S GOING TO  
23 ACTUALLY COST THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA MONEY TO DO THIS BECAUSE  
24 QUITE A FEW WILL GO TO YOUTH AUTHORITY AND THE COUNTY IS NOT  
25 RESPONSIBLE FOR PAYING FOR THOSE. BASED ON REALIGNMENT



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1 LANGUAGE, WE STILL ARE NOT RESPONSIBLE. BUT WE ALSO WILL HAVE  
2 A LOCAL ADDITIONAL COST TO PUT THEM IN GROUP HOMES, THE KIDS  
3 THAT ARE ELIGIBLE, ET CETERA. SO THERE ISN'T ANY WAY THAT THIS  
4 PROPOSAL MAKES ANY SENSE WHATSOEVER. WE WERE ALL VERY  
5 DISAPPOINTED IT WASN'T INCLUDED IN MAY REVISE. WE HAD HOPED  
6 THAT IT WOULD BE. WE ARE HEARING THAT THEY ARE STILL WORKING  
7 ON IT AND ARE OPTIMISTIC THAT, BY THE TIME THAT THE STATE IS  
8 DONE, THAT THE CAMPS WILL BE RESTORED. WE JUST DON'T KNOW HOW  
9 AT THIS POINT BUT IT'S GOING TO COST ALL OF US MONEY. THEY'RE  
10 NOT GOING TO SAVE THE MONEY THEY THINK THEY'RE GOING TO SAVE.

11

12 **SUP. MOLINA:** I HOPE WE'RE WORKING WITH RALPH IN SHARING THOSE  
13 FIGURES SO THAT THEY CAN COMMUNICATE THEM TO SOME OF THE  
14 LEGISLATORS BECAUSE I DON'T KNOW IF THEY REALLY UNDERSTAND.

15

16 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** ALL OF THAT HAS BEEN DONE. WE'VE BEEN WORKING  
17 VERY CLOSELY WITH EVERYBODY WE CAN THINK OF. RIGHT, RALPH?

18

19 **SUP. MOLINA:** GOOD. THANK YOU.

20

21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT I WOULD  
22 LIKE TO CALL UP TERRI FORD, ALBERTO MENDOZA-- EXCUSE ME. I  
23 UNDERSTAND MR. MENDOZA'S BEEN REPLACED BY JESSE...

24

25 **SPEAKER:** [ INDISTINCT VOICE ]



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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** YEAH, THAT'S WHAT I WAS GOING TO SAY.  
3 JESSE, COME ON UP, AND THEN VICTOR MARTINEZ, AND ROGER SPIVEY.

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5 **TERRI FORD:** GOOD AFTERNOON. I JUST WANT TO SAY THAT I THINK I  
6 MIGHT HAVE TO COME AFTER THIS FOR A PROBATION CAMP BECAUSE I'M  
7 VERY IMPRESSED WITH THAT GROUP AND HOPE TO FIND A WAY TO SAVE  
8 THOSE PROBATION CAMPS. SOUNDS GOOD. I'M ACTUALLY HERE-- I'M  
9 TERRY FORD, DIRECTOR OF A.I.D.S. ADVOCACY AT A.I.D.S.  
10 HEALTHCARE FOUNDATION. WE'RE HERE TODAY TO SPEAK TO YOU OF OUR  
11 DISMAY AT PROPOSED FUNDING CUTS TO A.I.D.S. SERVICES IN L.A.  
12 COUNTY. WE REALIZE THE CHALLENGE YOU FACE WHEN FEDERAL FUNDS  
13 ARE CUT BY \$3.3 MILLION. WE DON'T TAKE THIS LIGHTLY. WE KNOW  
14 IT'S A HUGE CHALLENGE FOR YOU. HOWEVER, IN 1996, WHEN YOU, AS  
15 A BOARD FACED A FIVE-MILLION-DOLLAR CUT IN FUNDS, YOU HEHEDED  
16 THE COMMUNITY'S PLEAS TO FIND A WAY TO AVOID THE CUTS TO  
17 PATIENT CARE AND WE APPLAUD YOU FOR THAT. WE ARE HERE ONCE  
18 AGAIN TO URGE YOU TO FIND A WAY TO STOP DEVASTATING CUTS TO  
19 A.I.D.S. SERVICES. WE KNOW YOU HOLD H.I.V. MEDICAL CARE IN THE  
20 HIGHEST IMPORTANCE AND WANT TO TAKE EVERY ACTION POSSIBLE TO  
21 ENSURE HEALTHCARE SERVICES FOR THOSE WHO NEED IT. THOSE  
22 SERVICES ARE NOT LUXURY SERVICES. FOR MANY, THEY'RE A MATTER  
23 OF LIFE AND DEATH. LOS ANGELES COUNTY IS THE HEALTHCARE  
24 PROVIDER OF LAST RESORT FOR MANY. WITH AN ESTIMATED 50,000  
25 PEOPLE LIVING WITH H.I.V. IN L.A. COUNTY, WE FACE AN ESTIMATED





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1 2,000 NEW H.I.V. CASES IN THE COMING YEAR WITH POSSIBLE 600  
2 PROBABLE DEATHS. THAT'S A NET GAIN OF 1,400 NEW PATIENTS. TWO-  
3 THIRDS OF THOSE WILL HAVE NO INSURANCE AND WILL LOOK TO YOU  
4 AND DEPEND ON YOU FOR PUBLICLY FUNDED CARE, LIFE-SUSTAINING  
5 CARE. THIS IS NO TIME FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDING CUTS AND NO TIME  
6 TO BE CUTTING SPECIFICALLY H.I.V. MEDICAL SERVICES. PLEASE  
7 REVIEW THE CREATIVE OPTIONS YOU USED IN 1996 TO SOLVE THIS  
8 PROBLEM, SUCH AS TAPPING INTO \_\_\_\_\_ SURPLUSES,  
9 STREAMLINING ADMINISTRATIVE OVERHEAD, SHIFTING PREVENTION AND  
10 OTHER GRANT SAVINGS. IN ADDITION, THERE'S A SURPLUS RIGHT NOW  
11 OF A HUNDRED MILLION DOLLARS THAT YOU MIGHT CONSIDER, AS WELL  
12 AS FUNDING FOR VACANT POSITIONS AT O.A.P.P. THAT COULD  
13 POSSIBLY BE SHIFTED. AGAIN, WE KNOW IT'S A MAJOR CHALLENGE BUT  
14 WE URGE YOU TO STOP ANY CUTS TO CORE MEDICAL SERVICES. THESE  
15 SERVICES SHOULD BE INCLUDED ON A LIST OF CORE SERVICES THAT  
16 ARE HELD HARMLESS IN TIMES OF BUDGET CUTS. H.I.V. IS STILL A  
17 DEADLY DISEASE AS THE PROJECTED 600 DEATHS INDICATE. WITH  
18 TREATMENT PROVIDED, THOSE DEATHS CAN BE AVOIDED. PLEASE MAKE  
19 IT YOUR PRIORITY TO SAVE LIVES BY SHIFTING THE FUNDS IN ANY  
20 WAY THAT YOU CAN TO AVOID CUTS TO CORE MEDICAL SERVICES AND  
21 H.I.V. SUPPORT SERVICES. THANK YOU.

22  
23 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. OKAY. NEXT WOULD BE JESSE, AND  
24 THEN I WOULD ASK IF LOUIS RAFFY, IF YOU'D COME UP, PLEASE.



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1 **JESSE GRUTADARIA:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS JESSE GRUTADARIA.  
2 I AM THE CO-CHAIR OF THE PUBLIC POLICY COMMITTEE FOR THE  
3 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA H.I.V. ADVOCACY COALITION. WE REPRESENT 45  
4 H.I.V./A.I.D.S. SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS FROM VENTURA COUNTY TO  
5 SAN DIEGO. WE'RE BASED HERE IN LOS ANGELES. I AM HERE,  
6 BASICALLY, TO REPRESENT THE CONSTITUENTS THAT THE 45  
7 ORGANIZATION REPRESENT. WE'RE ASKING THAT L.A. COUNTY BOARD OF  
8 SUPERVISORS RESTORE THE \$3.3 MILLION CUTS TO THE A.I.D.S.  
9 PROGRAMS. AS YOU KNOW, L.A. COUNTY IS CURRENTLY FACING A  
10 VOLATILE SITUATION IN THE PUBLIC HEALTH ARENA. THERE ARE AN  
11 ESTIMATED 50,000 PEOPLE LIVING WITH H.I.V. AND A.I.D.S. IN LOS  
12 ANGELES COUNTY, WITH APPROXIMATELY TWO NEW-- 2,000 NEW H.I.V.  
13 CASES EACH YEAR. ABOUT TWO-THIRDS OF THESE ARE H.I.V.  
14 POSITIVE-- ABOUT TWO-THIRDS OF THESE H.I.V. POSITIVE  
15 INDIVIDUALS WILL NEED FUNDED-- PUBLICLY FUNDED CARE. MORE THAN  
16 \$2 MILLION WILL NEED TO COME INTO L.A. COUNTY THIS YEAR. THIS  
17 IS A VERY DANGEROUS TIME TO CUT SERVICES. THESE SERVICES ARE  
18 NOT A PRIVILEGE, THEY'RE A NECESSITY. I'D LIKE TO THANK THE  
19 COUNTY FOR THEIR CONTINUED SUPPORT.

20

21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THEN I WOULD ASK MIKE NICOLAS IF  
22 YOU'D COME UP AND REPLACE JESSE, PLEASE. VICTOR?

23

24 **VICTOR MARTINEZ:** YES. GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS VICTOR  
25 MARTINEZ AND I'M THE DIRECTOR OF PREVENTION AND EDUCATION AT



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1 \_\_\_\_\_ HUMAN SERVICES. I'M ALSO A MAN LIVING WITH  
2 H.I.V. FOR 15 YEARS AND I'M HERE, HUMBL Y, TO TALK ON BEHALF OF  
3 ALMOST 50,000 CITIZENS OF L.A. COUNTY WHO ARE LIVING WITH  
4 H.I.V. AND A.I.D.S. L.A. COUNTY IS A LARGE RESORT FOR MEDICAL  
5 CARE AND OTHER SERVICES. A.I.D.S. IS NOT OVER. A.I.D.S. IS FAR  
6 FROM OVER. IT MIGHT CHANGE THE COLOR, IT'S NOT WHITE ANYMORE.  
7 NOW IT'S BROWN, NOW IT'S BLACK, NOW IT IS YELLOW, NOW IT IS  
8 RED BUT, STILL, A.I.D.S. IS FAR FROM OVER. I'M HERE TO REMIND  
9 YOU THAT A.I.D.S. STILL A MATTER OF DEATH AND LIFE. IF YOU CUT  
10 THE SERVICES, A LOT OF PEOPLE WILL PUT THEIR LIVES INTO  
11 DANGER. PLEASE, WE DO UNDERSTAND THAT WE ARE IN A SERIOUS  
12 SITUATION BUT ALSO KEEP IN MIND THAT THIS IS SOMETHING THAT WE  
13 (INDISTINCT) OBVIOUSLY. FOR THOSE PEOPLE, L.A. COUNTY IS A  
14 LAST RESORT SO, IF THEY DON'T HAVE A PLACE TO GO, WHERE CAN  
15 THEY GO? THANK YOU.

16

17 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, VICTOR. I'D ASK PATRICIA ASKOS  
18 TO COME JOIN US, PLEASE. ROGER?

19

20 **ROGER SPIVEY:** YES, GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS ROGER SPIVEY.  
21 I'D LIKE TO THANK THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THIS  
22 OPPORTUNITY TO EXPRESS MY CONCERNS. I MOVED TO LOS ANGELES IN  
23 1978 AND I AM ALSO A CLIENT OF THE A.I.D.S. HEALTHCARE  
24 FOUNDATION. WHEN I WAS YOUNGER, WE ALL HAD A RELATIVE THAT WE  
25 LOOKED UP TO AND MY GRANDMOTHER USED TO SAY, "YOU'RE NOTHING



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1 WITHOUT YOUR HEALTH." I THOUGHT IT A BIT TRITE BUT, WHEN I WAS  
2 DIAGNOSED IN 1994, I GAINED A NEW RESPECT FOR THAT. THE  
3 ECONOMY NOW THAT ALL OF US FACE IN GOVERNMENT AND IN OUR  
4 PERSONAL LIVES REQUIRES US TO REASSESS PRIORITIES AND I HAVE  
5 TO HAVE A ROOF, I NEED TO HAVE FOOD, AND I NEED TO HAVE  
6 HEALTHCARE. BUT ALSO THE WAY I SURVIVE IS BY HAVING HOPE AND,  
7 IF THESE FUNDS ARE CUT TO THE COUNTY MEDICAL SERVICES FOR  
8 PEOPLE WITH A.I.D.S., THAT'S THEIR LAST RESORT, AND IS ONE  
9 BEACON OF HOPE. I CAN'T UNDERSTAND THE CHALLENGES THAT YOU  
10 MUST FACE WITH THIS BUDGET CUTS BUT I FEEL CERTAIN THAT THERE  
11 ARE VERY FEW OTHER CONVERSATIONS THAT MIGHT ALLOW A BROTHER,  
12 SISTER, MOTHER, FATHER, SON, OR DAUGHTER TO HAVE THE  
13 OPPORTUNITY TO AWAKE EACH MORNING AND SAY "THANK YOU." I  
14 APPRECIATE YOUR TIME.

15

16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. REBEKKA ARMSTRONG, IF YOU WOULD  
17 COME REPLACE MR. SPIVEY. OKAY. LOUIS?

18

19 **LOUIS RAFTI:** YES. GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS LOUIS RAFTI. I'M  
20 A PERSON LIVING WITH A.I.D.S. IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND A  
21 RESIDENT OF SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY'S DISTRICT. I'VE LIVED IN  
22 LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND RECEIVED HEALTHCARE SERVICES FOR THE  
23 ENTIRE TIME THAT I'VE BEEN LIVING WITH A.I.D.S. I'M HERE TO  
24 VOICE MY CONCERN OVER HOW THE 3.3 MILLION SHORTFALL IN  
25 A.I.D.S. FUNDING THAT L.A. COUNTY IS FACING IS BEING



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1   ADDRESSED, BOTH IN THE CONTEXT OF WHAT HAVING HAD ADEQUATE  
2   HEALTHCARE TREATMENT FOR A.I.D.S. HAS MEANT TO ME AND WHAT I  
3   BELIEVE THE EFFECTS OF THESE CUTS WILL BE ON THE LEVEL OF  
4   A.I.D.S. HEALTHCARE AND A.I.D.S. SERVICES CURRENTLY AVAILABLE  
5   IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. I WAS FIRST DIAGNOSED WITH H.I.V. IN  
6   MARCH OF 1998, JUST TWO WEEKS AFTER MY COBRA HEALTHCARE  
7   BENEFITS LAPSED. I'VE BEEN A CLIENT OF A.I.D.S. HEALTHCARE  
8   FOUNDATION SINCE THAT TIME. WHEN I WAS DIAGNOSED WITH A.I.D.S.  
9   IN 1998, I HAD VIRAL PNEUMONIA, WEIGHED 123 POUNDS, HAD A T-  
10   CELL COUNT OF TWO. JUST SIX YEARS AGO, I WAS SO SICK AS TO BE  
11   CONSIDERED TOTALLY AND PERMANENTLY DISABLED AND, IN FACT, WAS  
12   SO SICK THAT I WAS VERY NEAR DEATH. WITHIN SIX WEEKS OF  
13   RECEIVING TREATMENT, I WAS ABLE TO REDUCE MY VIRAL LOAD TO  
14   NEARLY NON-DETECTABLE AND TO START TO HAVE MY T-CELLS REBOUND.  
15   THE LEVEL OF HEALTHCARE I RECEIVED AT A.H.F. WAS SO GOOD THAT,  
16   IN JUST TWO YEARS AFTER BEING AS SICK AS I WAS, I WAS WELL  
17   ENOUGH TO PLAN MY REENTRY INTO THE WORKFORCE AND, TO THAT END,  
18   I ENROLLED IN A DOCTORATE PROGRAM AT SOUTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY  
19   OF LAW. I'LL COMPLETE MY STUDIES THERE THIS SUMMER. EVEN  
20   THOUGH I DIDN'T FINISH, I WON'T FINISH UNTIL JULY, I WAS ABLE  
21   TO PARTICIPATE IN THE GRADUATION CEREMONY WHERE SUPERVISOR  
22   BURKE DELIVERED BOTH A VERY INSPIRING AND PERTINENT ADDRESS.  
23   THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR BURKE, YOUR WORDS HAVE RE-INSPIRED ME  
24   TOWARDS ADVOCACY FOR PEOPLE WITH H.I.V. AND A.I.D.S. I'M TRULY  
25   FORTUNATE TO HAVE BEEN GIVEN A SECOND CHANCE AT LIFE BUT THIS



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1 WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN POSSIBLE HAD IT NOT BEEN FOR THE FACT THAT  
2 I LIVE IN A COUNTY THAT CARES ABOUT PEOPLE WITH A.I.D.S. AND  
3 AM ABLE TO RECEIVE THE LEVEL OF HEALTHCARE THAT IS AVAILABLE  
4 AT YOUR CLINICS SUCH AS A.H.F. PLEASE DO NOT CUT OUR  
5 HEALTHCARE BENEFITS. THANK THANK YOU.

6

7 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. MIKE, AND THEN I WOULD ASK  
8 OLIVER LUTINGENO. I'M NOT SURE I SAID THAT. OLIVER, I  
9 APOLOGIZE.

10

11 **REVEREND MICHAEL NICHOLAS:** GOOD AFTERNOON. THANK YOU FOR  
12 ALLOWING ME TO ADDRESS YOU THIS AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS REVEREND  
13 MICHAEL NICHOLAS AND I'M THE PASTOR OF METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY  
14 CHURCH IN NORTH HOLLYWOOD. SINCE 1987, I HAVE PRESIDED OVER  
15 MORE THAN 200 H.I.V. FUNERALS, 50 OF THOSE BEING THAT OF  
16 PERSONAL FRIENDS. AND AFTER HAVING WITNESSED THE DEATH OF SO  
17 MANY PEOPLE WHO WERE CLOSE TO ME, I FEEL VERY FORTUNATE TO BE  
18 ALIVE AND HEALTHY TODAY. BUT, IN ADDITION TO BEING AN ADVOCATE  
19 FOR H.I.V. SERVICES, I AM ALSO A CLIENT. I'VE BEEN H.I.V.  
20 POSITIVE FOR OVER 20 YEARS. I WAS IN A SITUATION WHERE I WAS  
21 TECHNICALLY NOT SICK ENOUGH TO QUALIFY FOR DISABILITY AND YET,  
22 BECAUSE I HAD A PREEXISTING CONDITION, I COULD NOT BUY  
23 AFFORDABLE HEALTHCARE. I OWE MY HEALTH, I OWE MY VERY LIFE  
24 TODAY TO THE SERVICES THAT I GET FROM A.I.D.S. HEALTHCARE  
25 FOUNDATION. IF MY CARE AND MY DRUG REGIMEN WAS INTERRUPTED FOR





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1 EVEN A VERY SHORT TIME, I WOULD QUICKLY BECOME VERY ILL AND  
2 THERE ARE MANY PEOPLE OUT THERE WHO ARE VERY, VERY SICK AND  
3 WHOSE NEEDS ARE EVEN MORE PRESSING THAN MINE. I REALIZE,  
4 LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, THAT YOU ARE IN A VERY DIFFICULT  
5 SITUATION. YOU ARE FACING BUDGET CUTS WHICH ARE NOT OF YOUR  
6 OWN MAKING. YOU HAVE TO SET PRIORITIES AND I UNDERSTAND THAT  
7 THAT IS VERY, VERY DIFFICULT. BUT I ASK YOU, PLEASE, TO  
8 REMEMBER THAT, BEHIND THOSE DOLLAR SIGNS AND NUMBERS ARE THE  
9 FACES OF REAL HURTING HUMAN BEINGS, SOME OF WHOM ARE POOR,  
10 MANY OF WHOM ARE ON THE MARGINS OF SOCIETY AND MANY OF WHOM  
11 HAVE NO VOICE TO BE HEARD HERE TODAY. PLEASE, PLEASE, I DON'T  
12 WANT TO GO BACK TO THE DAYS OF HAVING TO PRESIDE OVER AN  
13 AVERAGE OF TWO FUNERALS A WEEK. I DON'T WANT HAVE TO CONSOLE  
14 ANY MORE MOMS AND DADS AND SONS AND DAUGHTERS AND SISTERS AND  
15 BROTHERS AND SPOUSES OF PEOPLE WHO HAVE SUCCUMBED TO THIS  
16 TERRIBLE ILLNESS. FOR MANY OF US HERE TODAY, THIS BUDGET CUT,  
17 PROPOSED BUDGET CUT IS NOT SIMPLY A MATTER OF INCONVENIENCE;  
18 OUR VERY LIVES ARE AT STAKE. I ASK YOU PLEASE TO DO THE RIGHT  
19 THING. THANK YOU.

20

21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. PATRICIA, AND THEN I WOULD ASK  
22 CONCEPTION TO JOIN US UP HERE. AND MAYA. PARDON ME? JESSE  
23 VOLCHECK. PATRICIA?

24

25 **REBECCA ARMSTRONG:** I'M REBECCA ARMSTRONG.



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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. ALL RIGHT. REBECCA.

3

4 **REBECCA ARMSTRONG:** HI. I'M REBECCA ARMSTRONG AND I AM A WOMAN  
5 LIVING WITH A.I.D.S. I TESTED POSITIVE BACK IN 1989 AND, TO  
6 THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE, I WAS INFECTED AT THE AGE OF 16  
7 THROUGH UNPROTECTED SEX BECAUSE I WAS UNAWARE OF THE DANGERS  
8 THAT WERE OUT THERE OR I WAS ACTUALLY UNAWARE OF HIGH-RISK  
9 BEHAVIORS. I'M 37 YEARS OLD NOW. I AM HERE WITH MY HUSBAND,  
10 WHO IS ALSO LIVING WITH A.I.D.S. I CAN TELL YOU THAT I  
11 DEFINITELY, ABSOLUTELY WOULD NOT BE ALIVE TODAY HAD I NOT GOT  
12 TESTED, HAD I NOT GOT TREATMENT. I AM A CLIENT OF A.I.D.S.  
13 HEALTHCARE FOUNDATION AND THAT IS WHERE I HAVE RECEIVED ALL OF  
14 MY TREATMENT THE ENTIRE TIME THAT I'VE BEEN POSITIVE WITH THE  
15 EXCEPTION OF WHEN I MOVED TO MASSACHUSETTS FOR A SHORT TIME.  
16 HOWEVER, A.H.F. HAS PROVIDED ME WITH MORE THAN JUST MY  
17 HEALTHCARE SERVICES. AS FAR AS MY MEDICATIONS AND EVERYTHING,  
18 THEY HAVE ALSO PLUGGED ME INTO RESOURCES SUCH AS DEALING WITH  
19 MY DEPRESSION, GETTING ME HOOKED UP WITH OTHER WOMEN LIVING  
20 WITH THE H.I.V., HELPING ME BECOME MORE EDUCATED ABOUT THE  
21 DISEASE, ACTUALLY GETTING ME PLUGGED IN, PLUGGING ME IN SO FAR  
22 THAT I ACTUALLY AM NOW A CERTIFIED PHLEBOTOMIST AND I  
23 VOLUNTEER TO DO BLOOD WORK AND TO GIVE H.I.V. COUNSELING AND  
24 TESTING AND EVERYTHING ACROSS THE BOARD. BUT, MORE  
25 IMPORTANTLY, SINCE I WAS INFECTED AT THE AGE OF 16, TO THE



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1 BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE, WHAT I DO NOW IS I TRAVEL ALL ACROSS THE  
2 COUNTRY TALKING IN HUNDREDS OF UNIVERSITIES, MORE THAN 200  
3 UNIVERSITIES HAVE I SPOKE IN IN THE LAST THREE YEARS, AND I  
4 OFFER THEM THE INFORMATION TO POSSIBLY SAVE THEIR LIVES. LET  
5 THEM KNOW WHAT REALLY IS HIGH RISK BEHAVIOR. AND IF YOU TAKE  
6 AWAY MY MEDICATIONS AND YOU TAKE AWAY MY-- THE TESTS THAT I  
7 NEED ON A REGULAR BASIS, EVERYTHING SO SIMPLE AS GYNECOLOGICAL  
8 EXAM ALL THE WAY UP TO AN ACTUAL VIRAL LOAD AND A T-CELL  
9 COUNT, THEN YOU TAKE AWAY MY ABILITY TO ACTUALLY HELP OTHER  
10 YOUNG LIVES PREVENT-- TO ACTUALLY PREVENT THEM FROM  
11 CONTRACTING THIS DREADFUL DISEASE AS WELL. SO I'M BEGGING YOU  
12 FROM MY LIFE, PLEASE DON'T CUT THESE RESOURCES, PLEASE DON'T  
13 CUT THESE SERVICES. IT IS IMPERATIVE TO ME AND THE LIVES OF SO  
14 MANY OTHERS. THANK YOU.

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16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. OLIVER, AND THEN JACKIE, THEN  
17 ASK BRIAN O'CONNOR TO JOIN US HERE. IS BRIAN HERE? HE'S GONE?  
18 TED FRANKS. MATT MORAN? OKAY. GO AHEAD

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20 **OLIVER LITGNOW:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS OLIVER LITGNOW AND  
21 THIS IS MY WIFE, REBECCA. PERSONALLY, FOR MYSELF, I'VE BEEN  
22 H.I.V. POSITIVE FOR 14 YEARS AND I WAS GIVEN AN A.I.D.S.  
23 DIAGNOSIS WHEN I WENT IN AND GOT A TEST DONE, IN MY LUNGS. I  
24 HAD CANCER. THIS WAS FOUR YEARS AGO. AND I WAS ABLE TO GET  
25 TREATMENT THROUGH A.H.F. AND I WAS ABLE TO BE HERE TODAY



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1 BECAUSE I WAS ABLE TO ACCESS THAT TREATMENT AS QUICKLY AS  
2 POSSIBLE. SO, I MEAN, I THINK WE ALL UNDERSTAND THAT WE'RE  
3 TALKING ABOUT SOMETHING REALLY SERIOUS AND WE CAN ALL GET UP  
4 HERE AND TELL YOU HOW MUCH IT'S SAVED OUR LIVES AND ALL THAT,  
5 BLAH, BLAH, BLAH. IT'S IMPORTANT, I UNDERSTAND THAT YOU ARE  
6 FACING SERIOUS DECISIONS ACROSS THE BOARD AND WHAT I URGE YOU  
7 TO THINK ABOUT, AND I KNOW THAT YOU DO, YOU WOULDN'T BE IN  
8 PUBLIC OFFICE IF YOU DIDN'T, WHAT MORALITY AND WHAT VALUE  
9 SYSTEM IS AT STAKE HERE IN OUR SOCIETY AND WITH OUR GOVERNMENT  
10 AND WHAT WE CAN DO, WHAT WE CAN DO, MY WIFE AND I, TRY TO STOP  
11 THIS FROM HAPPENING. WHAT YOU CAN DO IS SET A PRECEDENT AND  
12 SET THOSE FUNDS ASIDE OR FIND A WAY TO MAKE THIS A PRIORITY,  
13 TO SAY, "WE DO CARE ABOUT THESE PEOPLE. WE DO CARE THAT THEY  
14 STAY ALIVE. WE DO CARE THAT THEY DON'T SUFFER." AND, ALSO,  
15 IT'S NOT JUST THAT, IT'S LONG-TERM EFFECTS. IF I GET SICK NEXT  
16 WEEK AND I DON'T HAVE CARE, IT'S GOING TO TAKE MAYBE SIX  
17 MONTHS BUT I'M GOING TO END UP IN I.C.U. AT SOME POINT AND THE  
18 BILL FOR I.C.U. IS GOING TO BE MUCH, MUCH, MUCH, MUCH, MUCH  
19 HIGHER THAN WHAT IT TAKES TO KEEP ME ON MEDS, YOU KNOW? AND TO  
20 KEEP ME FROM BEING ABLE TO GET THE TESTS TO MAKE SURE MY MEDS  
21 ARE WORKING AND ALL THOSE THINGS. SO IT'S, I THINK, AN  
22 OPPORTUNITY HERE FOR ALL OF US TO WORK TOGETHER AND TO SAY,  
23 HEY, WE UNDERSTAND, YOU KNOW, WE ARE ALL VERY CLEAR ABOUT THE  
24 FORCES THAT BE AND THIS IS NOT YOUR DOING. WHAT WE HAVE THE  
25 POWER TO DO IS TO DO THE RIGHT THING AND UNDO AN INJUSTICE



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1 BROUGHT DOWN UPON US. AND I KNOW IT'S VERY DIFFICULT FOR YOU  
2 GUYS AND YOU HAVE A TON OF DECISIONS TO MAKE AND THIS IS JUST  
3 ONE IN A SEA OF MANY AND WE'RE ALL FIGHTING FOR NICKELS AND  
4 DIMITES AT THIS POINT. BUT THIS IS A LIFE-OR-DEATH ISSUE AND I  
5 THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE ABLE TO BE HERE AND I URGE  
6 YOU TO DO THE RIGHT THING. THANKS.

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8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, OLIVER. JACKIE AND THEN MATT.

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10 **MATT MORAN:** MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, THANK YOU FOR  
11 YOUR TIME THIS AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS MR. MORAN, I'M A  
12 REGISTERED NURSE FOR THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES AS WELL AS A  
13 CLIENT OF A.H.F. I AM UNDER THE UNDERSTANDING THAT THERE ARE  
14 PROPOSED CUTS THAT WILL DIRECTLY AFFECT PATIENT CARE,  
15 ESPECIALLY TO SERVICE PROVIDERS SUCH AS A.H.F. I'D LIKE TO  
16 SAY, ON A PERSONAL LEVEL, THIS WOULD BE A GREAT LOSS TO  
17 MYSELF, AS YOU'VE HEARD FROM OTHER PEOPLE, MANY OF US, FOR  
18 UNKNOWN REASONS, BETTER YET KNOWN REASONS, CANNOT GET HEALTH  
19 INSURANCE AND A.H.F. IS OUR ONLY PROVIDER. AND I HAVE TO TELL  
20 YOU, ON A PROFESSIONAL LEVEL, THEY PROVIDE EXCELLENT CARE.  
21 ADDITIONALLY, PROFESSIONALLY, AS A REGISTERED NURSE, I CANNOT  
22 EMPHASIZE THE COST THAT THIS WOULD TAKE IN OTHER AREAS OF  
23 HEALTHCARE. AS THIS GENTLEMAN MENTIONED EARLIER, PEOPLE WILL  
24 SEEK HEALTHCARE THROUGH E.R.S AND HOSPITALS WHEN THEY CANNOT  
25 GET HEALTHCARE THROUGH PLACES SUCH AS A.H.F. THEY WILL WAIT



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1 UNTIL THEY GET TOO SICK, THEN THEY WILL END UP IN THOSE  
2 EMERGENCY ROOMS AND THOSE HOSPITALS. THAT IS A MUCH MORE  
3 COSTLY PROBLEM THAN PROVIDING THE MEDICATION AND THE DIRECT  
4 CARE THAT A.H.F. PROVIDES. ADDITIONALLY, I THINK THERE'S A  
5 HIDDEN AREA THAT PEOPLE DON'T SEE AND THAT IS THE FACT THAT  
6 A.H.F. AND OTHER A.I.D.S. SERVICE PROVIDERS ARE PROVIDING THE  
7 ONLY MEDICAL LINK THESE PEOPLE HAVE. THEY ARE GETTING PRIMARY  
8 CARE UNBEKNOWNST ALONG WITH THEIR H.I.V. CARE AND, TO SIMPLY  
9 PUT IT, THE COUNTY IS GETTING MORE BANG FOR THEIR BUCK THAN  
10 THEY REALIZE HERE. THESE PEOPLE HAVE NO PLACE ELSE TO GO AND  
11 THEY ARE BEING PROVIDED SERVICES THAT ARE UNSEEN. I'LL KEEP IT  
12 BRIEF AND LEAVE IT AT THAT AND ONCE AGAIN THANK THE BOARD FOR  
13 THE TIME THIS AFTERNOON.

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15 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, MATT. JACKIE?

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17 **JACKIE BALZAC:** MY NAME IS JACKIE BALZAC AND I'D LIKE TO THANK  
18 YOU FOR GIVING US THE TIME TO ADDRESS YOU AND ON THIS VERY  
19 SUBJECT, BEING THAT I'VE HAD H.I.V. SINCE 1983 AND A.I.D.S.  
20 SINCE 1986. AND I RECEIVED IT FROM A BLOOD TRANSFUSION FROM A  
21 HOSPITAL OF WHICH THEY DID NOT TEST THE BLOOD. SO I WENT TO  
22 THE HOSPITAL TO SAVE MY LIFE AND, IN TURN, LEFT WITH A DEATH  
23 SENTENCE. I CANNOT BEG OF YOU HOW IMPORTANT THESE MEDICINES  
24 ARE, HOW IMPORTANT THESE TREATMENTS ARE. THE PSYCHOLOGICAL  
25 EXTENT OF THIS DISEASE IS HORRENDOUS. I'M 41 YEARS OLD. I





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1 COULD SPEND MY LIFE IN A PSYCHIATRIST'S OFFICE AND I DON'T  
2 THINK IT WOULD HELP. I'VE WATCHED CHILDREN DIE, I WATCHED RYAN  
3 WHITE'S MOTHER AND SISTER GO THROUGH LIVING HELL. I'VE LOBBIED  
4 IN WASHINGTON. I'VE DONE EVERYTHING I POSSIBLY COULD. I KNOW  
5 THAT I AM VERY GRACED TO STILL BE ALIVE AND TO STILL BE HERE  
6 AND I THANK YOU FOR ALL THAT YOU'VE DONE. BUT, PLEASE, DO  
7 UNDERSTAND THAT, IF THESE CUTS GO THROUGH AS THEY ARE, AS THE  
8 WAY THEY ARE WORDED, WE WILL BE IN TREMENDOUS TROUBLE. WE WILL  
9 HAVE MORE DEATHS ON OUR HANDS THAN WE WILL HAVE LIVES. WE  
10 CAN'T AFFORD TO CUT ALL THESE PEOPLE OUT OF THIS WORLD. THE  
11 NUMBER OF PEOPLE, A NUMBER I CAN'T EVEN THINK OF, THERE'S WAY  
12 TOO MANY DIGITS, THAT ARE SICK WITH A.I.D.S. THERE'S NOTHING  
13 WE CAN DO AND WE NEED YOUR HELP. WE NEED YOUR HELP AND WE NEED  
14 YOUR HELP TO REEVALUATE THE SERVICES THAT ARE GETTING THE  
15 MONEY AND THE SERVICES THAT TRULY DO NEED IT. PLEASE, I BEG OF  
16 YOU, NOT FOR MY OWN LIFE, BUT FOR THE OTHER LIVES OUT THERE,  
17 ESPECIALLY FOR THE FUTURE AND THE FUTURE OF OUR CHILDREN AND  
18 THE FUTURE OF YOUR CHILDREN AND YOUR FAMILIES. THANK YOU VERY  
19 MUCH.

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21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. OKAY. WE DON'T HAVE ANYONE ELSE  
22 SIGNED UP, SO I WOULD MOVE THAT THE BOARD RECEIVE AND FILE AND  
23 TAKE UNDER ADVISEMENT THE VARIOUS SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET REQUESTS  
24 MADE BEFORE US AND THE COMMENTS THAT WERE MADE DURING THE  
25 PUBLIC BUDGET HEARINGS COMMENCING ON MAY 12TH, 2004, AND MAKE



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1 A FINDING THAT A NOTICE OF PUBLIC BUDGET HEARINGS WAS GIVEN IN  
2 ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 29080 OF THE GOVERNMENT CODE; THAT  
3 SAID HEARINGS COMMENCED ON THE 12TH DAY OF MAY, 2004 PURSUANT  
4 TO SAID NOTICE; AND, AS REQUIRED BY SECTION 29081 OF THE  
5 GOVERNMENT CODE. AN ATTORNEY MUST HAVE WRITTEN THIS. I ALSO  
6 MOVE THAT THE BOARD CLOSE THE PUBLIC BUDGET HEARINGS FOR THE  
7 PURPOSE OF ORAL TESTIMONY AND FINDING THERE ARE NO PERSONS  
8 THAT HAVE NOT BEEN GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEARD. BUT, TO  
9 ALLOW MAXIMUM PUBLIC INPUT, PERMIT ADDITIONAL WRITTEN  
10 TESTIMONY AND REQUESTS TO BE FILED TO THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS OF  
11 FRIDAY, THIS FRIDAY, MAY 21ST, 2004. I FURTHER MOVE TO  
12 RECONFIRM THAT BUDGET DELIBERATIONS WILL BEGIN ON MONDAY, JUNE  
13 21ST, 2004, AT 9:30 A.M. AND SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR  
14 ANTONOVICH.

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16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I ALSO HAVE A MOTION THAT THE DIRECTOR OF  
17 DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL CONTROL AND CARE PROVIDE A REPORT TO THE  
18 BOARD DURING THE BUDGET DELIBERATIONS REGARDING OTHER  
19 ALTERNATIVES TO COMPLETELY CLOSING THE CASTAIC ANIMAL SHELTER.

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21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. ALL RIGHT. AND THEN TO REMIND THE  
22 PUBLIC AS WELL, ONCE AGAIN, TOO, THAT THEY CAN SUBMIT IN  
23 WRITING UP TO FRIDAY FOR CONSIDERATION. IS THAT CORRECT, MR.  
24 ATTORNEY, SINCE YOU WROTE THIS "PURSUANT TO" AND "THOU."



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1    **RAY FORTNER, COUNSEL:** I DON'T WANT TO TAKE CREDIT.

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3    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** YOU WON'T TAKE CREDIT BUT YOU RECOGNIZED

4    THE MOTION, DIDN'T YOU? OKAY. IT'S BEEN MOVED AND SECONDED.

5    ANY FURTHER DISCUSSIONS? ALL RIGHT. ANY OBJECTIONS? SO

6    ORDERED. AND, AGAIN, TO ALL OF YOU, THANK YOU FOR TAKING TIME

7    OUT OF YOUR SCHEDULES TO COME DOWN AND TESTIFY BEFORE US

8    TODAY. WE APPRECIATE THAT. THANK YOU. THERE BEING NO FURTHER

9    BUSINESS BEFORE THIS BOARD, THE MEETING IS ADJOURNED.

10   [ GAVEL ]

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